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# Calvary's PROCLAMATION

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**FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY MAY 4**

**DAY OF PENTECOST MAY 11**

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY MAY 18**



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Dr. Michael F. Riley..... Pastor  
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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.



**June 8—August 17**  
 8:30 am Service of the Word &  
 Holy Communion  
 9:00-9:15 am Children's Choir Practice  
 9:15-9:50 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am Holy Communion Worship Service



**75th Anniversary Worship**  
 One Worship Service only on June 8th at  
 10:00 am  
 Lunch following in fellowship hall  
 Sunday School at 9:15 am

**Giving through Gift Annuities**

You can remember the ministries of the ELCA through a wide variety of planned gifts that provide long-term financial support for ministries.

Some of these planned gifts can provide significant financial and tax benefits to you. For instance, a gift annuity is a direct contribution of cash or other assets, such as stocks or bonds, made to the ELCA. In return, the ELCA gives you annuity payments for life, with payments based on the size of the gift and your age. A portion of the gift annuity payments are received tax-free.

A gift annuity also provided you with a charitable income tax deduction that you can apply toward your current income tax return, which may give you substantial tax savings. If the tax deduction is too large to use all in one year, any unused deduction can be applied to tax returns filed over the next five years.

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**Thank You**

Dear Church Family,  
Your concern for our family continues to be in our hearts. Thank you for all of the prayers, kindness, generosity, support and Christian love given us during Jan's final days and afterwards, and for perpetuating her memory. We are grateful for our church family here at Calvary.  
The Stuenkel Family

Dear Church Family,  
I can never give enough thanks to my church family and Pastor Riley, for the love and concern shown during my illness with visits, cards, gifts and most important your prayers. Keep remembering Robert and me as I continue to have more tests. May God Bless each of you.  
Sincerely,  
Edith Murphy

**Two more babies are coming in June and July!!**

Baby Shower for Ingrid Farrar and Treesie Cape May 18th from 12:45-2:00 pm in the New Fellowship Hall. Ingrid is having a boy. Treesie is having a girl. Both are registered at BabiesRUs and Target and asking for diapers and wipes as well. Shower being given by Teresa Gamewell, Jennifer Hunt, Heather Sossoman, and Tonya Cozort.



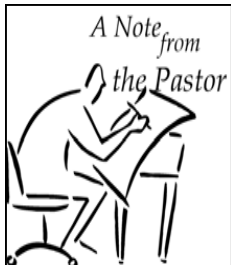
Are you looking to reach new heights of fun this summer? Then you'll want to head to CLC for a canopy of adventures at Rainforest Adventure! This exciting VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is for everyone between the ages of 3 and 11. The fun begins June 16<sup>th</sup> and continues through June 20<sup>th</sup>. Sessions run from 5-7 pm to include supper each day. At Rainforest Adventure you'll hear stories about Jesus, make cool crafts, learn catchy rainforest tunes, play super fun games, do some zany skits, and make lots of new friends! Each day offers a new bible story to explore through loads of fun activities. For more information or to register for VBS, call 437-0780. See you at Rainforest Adventure!



Council has approved  
Summer Worship Service as follows:  
8:30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion  
9:00-9:15 Children's Choir  
9:15-9:50 Sunday School  
10:00 Holy Communion Worship Service

1	Lane Harriger	19	Chris Riley
2	Ben Keever		Lynzie Cape
4	Cora Hunt		Shirley Hise
	Mary Voltmer	21	Monique St. Louis
5	Brandi Stevens	22	Amy Alexander
6	Sandy Blackburn	24	Shawn Keller
10	Trina Barrier	26	Janis Mazitis
13	Jennifer Hunt		June Elliot
15	Mary Dawn Blanton		Jeff Kyro
16	David McGalliard	31	JoAnne Graham
18	Ed Entzi		Chris Kern
	Dean St. Louis		Nathan Wilson





## Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

At the end of May, I'll celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination into the public ministry of the church as a Lutheran pastor. Some would say I was

a "late bloomer!" But I believe my twenty years of working with college students was a wonderful ministry in itself, and the grace which led me to my "second career."

At my ordination service, the opening hymn was sung by a large assembly gathered in the auditorium at Lenoir-Rhyne. I remember that some of you were there! The words of that hymn have continued to ring in my ears since that time:

*Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the Word."*

*Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard,*

*Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.*

*With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.* (ELW Hymn 579)

As we enter this month, we continue to celebrate the Easter resurrection, the Ascension of our Lord (May 1) and Pentecost (May 11). We remember that Jesus appeared among his disciples and then ascended into heaven leaving explicit instructions for those who followed him. "Go, teach what I have commanded, and baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit... Be my witnesses from Jerusalem outward to the ends of the earth...And keep in mind that I will be with you always." Then the Holy Spirit was sent at Pentecost (50 days after Easter) to empower the disciples who would become the Church.

The task of being a disciple in those early days was not easy. Maybe that's why Jesus was so graphic about those who follow him taking up their cross. Through the ages, the church has pressed on against a multitude of challenges from outside persecution to self-inflicted wounds. Our contemporary church continues to follow the bumpy road of our ancestors with issues such as public prayer, human sexuality, clergy impropriety, best seller fiction versus Biblical truth, peace and justice visions clouded by the smoke of terrorist bombs, and good people too busy with life's projects to care.

Sometimes proclaiming God's saving Word, faithfully listening for the voice of Christ, and sensing the movement of the Holy Spirit appears to be an exercise in futility. And yet, the Church continues to be present and visible as a sign and vehicle of redemption, resurrection and eternal life. You and I are witnesses to truth in the face of deception. We are poster children for love, compassion, forgiveness and grace in a suffering world. We are called as disciples to live with integrity and offer hope in Christ that bears good news rather than increased affliction. Because Christ lives, we can do this.

*Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."*

*Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend*

*And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity,*

*With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

Yours in the Risen Christ,  
Pastor Mike



### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ray Aiken  
Jamie Anderson-Dawn McDonald's friend  
David Ballard, Sr.  
Steve Bethke (Navy)  
Marie Biggs-Joanne Stokes' friend  
Roy & Azile Bogle-Jennifer Hunt's grandparents  
Darius & Sue Bollinger  
Ray Bost-Dawn McDonald's grandfather  
J.C. Burnette  
Obie Carswell (Army)  
Pansy Causby  
Carolyn Clark-Joanne Stokes' friend  
Edith Cobb  
Beth Deter  
Cathy Edwards  
Tricia Frasier-Scott Wilson's family  
Elizabeth Gray  
Baby Greene-Nancy Gregory's friend  
Billie Harding-Garry Harding's mother  
Gregg Harding-Garry Harding's brother  
Julia Hartsog-Nancy Gregory's mother  
Gloria Hayes-Judie Huffman's friend  
Sarah Hensarling-Scott Wilson's family  
Stephen, Michelle & Madison Hines  
Tristan Hines (Army/Afghanistan)  
Robert Horne-Alison Lutz's family

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The John Hebert Family

Melissa Moore & Family  
Herb Piper-Wanda Nichols' friend  
Samantha Ray  
Marshall Roberson-Fred Roberson's son  
Sheila & Drew Roberto-Judie Huffman's friends  
Charles Scott-Richard Isaac's friend  
Kendall Seli (Army, Afghanistan)  
Robert Shepherd-Scott Wilson's family  
Martha Shook & Family-Judie Huffman's friend  
Josh Shuffler  
Michael Stokes  
Evan Thomason-Betty Riley's nephew  
Lauren Vaaler-Judy Huffman's friend  
Vickie West-Joanne Stokes' friend  
Fred Whalen-Tori Whalen's husband  
Vernon & Laura Whisnant-Nina Harding's parents  
Donald & Hazel Whitley-Ken Whitley's parents  
Bruce & Cindy Wiley-Elaina Benson's parents  
Tasha Williamson  
Vicki Wilson-Scott Wilson's sister-in-law

### NURSING HOME

John Mabe (Morganton Term Care)  
Marie Page (Autumn Care)  
Maggie Lou Roberson (Carolina Rehab)  
Mary Voltmer (Grace Heights)  
Wilma Whisnant (Grace Ridge)

### U.S. MILITARY

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

### SEMINARIAN:

Joanna Novak  
(Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia)

### MEMBERS

Violet Carlson  
Charlie Edwards  
Jan English  
Jim Fisher  
Paul & Devonna Ijames  
Bruce Keever  
Evelyn Keever  
Rachel Keisler  
Sandy Koerner  
Rama Mills  
Edith Murphy  
Billie Rose Robertson  
Krista Stillwell

### AT HOME

J.C. Gantt  
Billie Rose Robertson  
Doris Sink  
Jackie Wiseman

### 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

Richard & Tammy Isaac,  
Brittany and Gabe  
Paul & Ruth Jacumin  
Wil & Karel Johnson  
Bruce & Evelyn Keever  
Rachel Keisler  
Virginia Kennedy



			Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>Ushers:</b>  <b>May 4, 2008</b> Asst. Minister Acolyte Crucifer Lector Greeter Nursery Children's Message Children's Church  <b>May 11, 2008</b> Asst. Minister Acolyte Crucifer Lector Greeter Nursery Children's Message Children's Church  <b>May 18, 2008</b> Asst. Minister Acolyte Crucifer Lector Greeter Nursery Children's Message Children's Church  <b>May 25, 2008</b> Asst. Minister Acolyte Crucifer Lector Greeter Nursery Children's Message Children's Church  <b>Altar Guild:</b> Gloria Kilpatrick, Kamara Reade, Debbie Little, Pattie Brittain <b>Care Visitors:</b> Joan Mease, Betty Williams	<b>8:30</b> Mandy Greco Chris Raymond	<b>11:00</b> David von Oeson Lloyd Wallace Nathan Wilson Quez Little	<b>May 2008</b>				1 BUCM (am)	2	3	
									Relay for Life May 2-3	
		Dawn McDonald Gavin McDonald Dawn McDonald Larry Berryhill Chuck & Judy Moll	Eric Stuenkel Scott Kyro Trevor Kyro Rich Duncan Phillip Rector Sossoman Family Jennifer Hunt Teresa Gamewell	<b>4</b> 8:30 am Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Holy Communion	<b>5</b> 7:30 pm Circle I	<b>6</b> Boy Scouts BUCM (pm)  10:00 am Circle II	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Support 7:00 pm Handbells	<b>8</b> 1:00 pm Service Ministry	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
		Nina Harding Tina Padgett Nina Harding Mandy Greco Mandy Greco	Rich Duncan Amanda Rector Alex Rector Sandy Blackburn Susan Rector Brandi Stevens Rich Duncan Heather Sossoman	<b>11 PENTECOST</b> 8:30 am Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Holy Communion Guest Pastor: Andrew Weisner MOTHER'S DAY	<b>12</b>	<b>13 6-8 PM</b> Girl Scouts  11:00 am Calvaliers	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Handbells	<b>15 BUCM (pm)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
				<b>18 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Holy Communion 12:45-2:00 pm Baby Shower for Ingrid Farrar & Treesie Cape CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 12:15 Confirmation Reception On Front Lawn	<b>19</b>	<b>20 BUCM (am)</b>	<b>21</b> Noon Holy Communion  7:00 pm Handbells	EPIPHANY MINISTRY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL 15TH-18TH		
		Jennifer Wilson Georgia Ballard Jennifer Wilson Lois Berryhill Julie Copenhaver	Brittany Isaac Gabe Isaac Erika Koerner Betty Riley Becky Schlein Whitley Family Richard Isaac Carrie Mull		LARCUM Catholic Conference 19-20					
		Mandy Greco Gavin McDonald Mandy Greco Nina Harding Robert Rumpel	Bob Kilpatrick Holly Goodson Crystal Anthony Dot Williams Helen Wallace Carrie Early Pastor Mike Betty Riley	<b>25</b> 8:30 am Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Holy Communion	<b>26</b> Memorial Day  HOLIDAY Office Closed	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm Council	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm Handbells	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
									WELCA NC SYNOD May 30-June 1	
						<b>MAY FOOD ITEMS</b> <b>PEANUT BUTTER &amp; JELLY</b>				

## Lutheran Liturgy Practices

### WHAT IS THE "EXCHANGE OF PEACE?"

"First be reconciled to your brother or sister. . ."

For some people, the moments in the liturgy following the prayers of the church are awkward ones. The presiding minister offers these words: "The peace of the Lord be with you always." The congregation responds "And also with you." The members of the congregation are then invited to "share the peace" with one another. What does that really mean?

Sharing God's peace is not simply offering a friendly hello to those sitting around you. Sharing God's peace is not a time for catching up on news with your neighbor or for reminding someone about an upcoming meeting.

Sharing God's peace with one another is an act of reconciliation. It is an opportunity for God's people to be reconciled with one another as they offer their gifts to God and before they receive the gift of Holy Communion.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, as recorded in Matthew's Gospel, lays a foundation for the practice of sharing God's peace. "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24).

Other sources from the early church confirm the practice of sharing the gift of peace. In the Didache, an early Christian writing nearly as old as many of the New Testament writings, the Christian community is encouraged to "come together on the Lord's day, having first confessed your sins so that your sacrifice may be pure. Anyone who

has a quarrel with his fellow should not gather with you until he has been reconciled, lest your sacrifice be profaned."

This passage from the Didache confirms that the pattern Jesus spoke about in the Sermon on the Mount became a regular weekly occurrence in the early Christians' practice of Holy Communion.

That the sharing of the peace follows the prayers of the church is not accidental. Having been forged into a common people in Holy Baptism, the congregation prays for peace in the Church, peace in the world, and peace for all those in need. Then the congregation follows through with the people offering peace and reconciliation to one another. This is not human peace alone, but the peace which is possible only through Christ. Then, after the exchange of peace, material gifts are offered to God, for the well-being and peace of the Church, the world, and its people. Finally, having prayed for and enacted the peace, we receive the Holy Communion.

Seen in context, it is clear why the exchange of Christ's peace is not a time for saying "Good morning," or for commenting on a neighbor's new outfit, or for reminding someone about next week's potluck supper. It is, rather, a time to set aside our human differences and to recognize and enact our baptismal unity as children of God.

What can the exchange of peace teach us for daily living? Christians are a people who seek reconciliation with one another. We do not need to wait to come to church on Sunday morning in order to make peace with our neighbors and our family members. Sharing God's peace is a daily opportunity.

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Lead a life worthy of the calling... making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
Ephesians 4:1-3



Have you noticed the new plantings in the church yard? A lively array of flowers and foliage around our church whispers an invitation to all God's creatures to be part of the blessings about and within it. Calvary Lutheran Church is rich in blessings, great and small, and we always share the blessing of a warm welcome to folks who venture through our doors.

To enhance the warmth of our yard, we have made a landscaping plan – check the Support Board's 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration display – and have been hard at work putting it in place. If you would like to actively participate in this effort by

planting plants, weeding, shoveling mulch and the like, please call Dot Williams at 438-0909.

If your time is limited but you wish to contribute to the effort, we are in need of funds for some of the larger plants. To name a few, we need 4 camellia japonica, 3 camellia sasanqua, a pieris japonica, 3 ligustrum, 5 India hawthorne, and 3 hydrangea. If you would like to help purchase these plants, you can make a check in any amount to Calvary Lutheran Church and mark it for "Calvary's Plants" and place it in the Sunday offering plate.

...And, yes, we are "dressing up" to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> year!

### Fair Trade farmers weather the storm

In Nicaragua, farmers who have made the transition to Fair Trade production over the past decade have been much more prepared to withstand severe weather. In fact, none of the Nicaraguan coffee cooperatives supported by Lutheran World Relief reported serious problems during recent heavy rains. LWR works with these communities to develop repaid-response plans for disasters like floods or forest fires and to address another important part of disaster prevention — sustainable agriculture.

When I visited Nicaragua, I saw some farms not involved in Fair Trade that were clearly at risk for disaster during heavy rain. Families living on marginal lands had planted crops on nearly vertical slopes, which usually leads to erosion. Often their homes lay directly below the crops on a bit of flat land that is often in the likely path of a mudslide. Most farmers are aware of the risk, but without a better price for their coffee they have few options. Economic pressures force them to clear native vegetation and plant coffee on land not suitable for growing crops.

On the Fair Trade farms I visited, things were different. Large fruit trees shaded smaller coffee plants and, along with deep rooted companion crops, helped keep soil in place and pre-

vented mudslides. Terracing, composting, and wind breaks helped protect and improve the soil.

Farmers were making improvements to their homes and in the quality of their coffee. Their children were staying in school and, for the first time, had the opportunity to take courses in art, music, English, and ecology. By working the land together in cooperatives, families can preserve access to land even through times of challenge or misfortune.

Your gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal help Lutheran World Relief empower more farmers to join the Fair Trade movement, and the Fair Trade coffee you buy helps keep farmers' lives and livelihoods more secure. Thanks and keep up the good work!

Jennifer Barger  
Coordinator for Donor Relationships  
in the World Hunger Appeal



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May 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!

Circle I will meet Monday, May 5 at  
 Cynthia Lange's home. Ra-  
 chel Keisler will present the  
 program. Circle II will meet  
 Tuesday, May 6 in the old  
 fellowship hall. Judy  
 Kozma will hostess; Mildred  
 Newton will present the pro-  
 gram.



**WELCA SPRING GATHERING 2008  
 IT WAS TRULY A DAY GOD HAD MADE!**

It was a delightful spring morning, over-  
 cast with a slight drizzle. That outside grayness  
 made the bright, cheerful and colorful Calvary  
 fellowship hall zing!

44 ladies and 2 pastors from churches of  
 the Blue Ridge Mountain Conference gathered  
 for coffee and munchies before the day's meeting.  
 The program opened with Becky Stevens playing  
 "A Mighty Fortress" by Martin Luther. It was  
 magnificent! Elizabeth Keller, Conference Presi-  
 dent, St. Stephens, Lenoir gave the welcome, led  
 the Women's Purpose Statement and the opening  
 prayer. This was followed with greetings by Pas-  
 tor Riley and Betty Williams.

Pastor Tony Bradshaw, Conference Dean,  
 St. Stephens, Lenoir gave the Dean's report. He  
 also spoke about the Books of Faith initiative of  
 the ELCA, urging women to participate. Go to  
 www.elca.org for more information.

Kathy Wallace, SWO Board Representa-  
 tive installed the new Director of Communica-  
 tions followed by the roll call of churches attend-  
 ing and the minutes. Many smaller churches of  
 the Blue Ridge Mountain conference were not  
 represented, some because they do not have a  
 women's group.

Elizabeth Keller announced the Fall  
 Gathering will be held in Boone. The women of  
 Boone are eager to host the Gathering even  
 though their group is tiny. It consists of four la-  
 dies. Three are in their 80s and the fourth is 96.  
 St. Stephens, Lenoir will be assisting them with  
 the gathering.

Elizabeth spoke of the Synod's concern  
 that rising costs will have a detrimental affect on  
 future Women's gatherings, whether a single day  
 event, a retreat or a statewide gathering. There is  
 also much concern that younger women are not

becoming part of the work of women in the  
 church. A great number of the now active women  
 are aging and of limited resources. Young  
 women, you are needed to carry on our service in  
 Christ's name to the world.

The program, presented by Debbie Brad-  
 shaw, St. Stephens, Lenoir, "Women: Heart of It  
 All," delved into women keeping healthy by un-  
 derstanding how heart health, stroke, high blood  
 pressure and stress affect us and that adopting a  
 lifestyle of reducing stress, adding exercise and  
 better food choices make a difference in our lives.

Debbie provided helpful handouts from  
 the American Heart Association/American  
 Stroke Association. The handout, "Ten Skills to  
 Alleviate the Physical and Emotional Dangers of  
 Stress," an excerpt from Stress Free for Good by  
 Fred Luskin and Kenneth Pelletier, is excellent.  
 (For a copy, sign up in the old fellowship hall or  
 leave a message at 439-2474.)

The NCWELCA has pioneered the  
 "Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls" initia-  
 tive, an act now before the US Congress. This ini-  
 tiative has been adopted by the National Women  
 of ELCA. It is important that YOU support this  
 initiative; there is a sample letter available to  
 guide you in contacting our legislators. (Call 439-  
 2474 to obtain a copy.) The national WELCA  
 website, www.womenoftheelca.org is a wonderful  
 resource for all women. For more information on  
 "Heart" and other health concerns, there is a  
 quick link. Check it out! There's a lot of interest-  
 ing information.

The Gathering offering was for the "Girls  
 on the Run," a program whose mission is "to edu-  
 cate and prepare girls for a life time of self-  
 respect and healthy living." Read about this pro-  
 gram on the WECLA bulletin board by the up-  
 stairs door near the sanctuary or go to  
 www.girlsontherun.com.

The Gathering closed with ELW Hymn  
 #419, the Benediction and Blessing by Pastor  
 Mike and the "Hymn to Joy" postlude, followed  
 by a scrumptious lunch catered by the PEO Sis-  
 terhood, an organization that funds scholarships  
 for young women. Our own Sandy Blackburn  
 and Margaret Miller are members.

Special thank you to everyone who  
 helped make this gathering a special one; includ-  
 ing the people who donated door prizes, those  
 who setup and cleaned up, and the many who  
 gave generously of themselves and their time. But  
 a special thank you to Becky Stevens for making  
 the Casavant Frères Organ sing praises to the  
 Lord and to Charles Buckner who so graciously  
 controlled the sound system so that we all could  
 sit back, listen and enjoy.



***Lutheran Family Services***

Each year at the annual Synod Conference of  
 Women of the ELCA of North Carolina, sup-  
 plies are gathered for supporting the work of  
 LFS. Each year the Women of Calvary Lu-  
 theran Church ask the congregation to donate  
 supplies and bring them to the old fellowship  
 hall. This year, there is a rather large carton  
 waiting to be filled. Attached to the carton are  
 lists of needed supplies. Please take one and  
 help fill the carton for LFS!  
 This year the need is even greater as the rising  
 cost of everything has a greater impact on  
 families on fixed incomes. The last day to  
 bring items is May 29th.

## CALVARY'S HABITAT PROJECT

We still need more volunteers for this project. Although we don't have definite working dates as of this date, we expect to be working the last two Saturdays in May and four Saturdays in June. We will most likely be the only group working those days and it is important that we have enough workers to accomplish the construction goals for those days.

You can be a part of this important 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration project by coming out and working a few hours, a day (or days), preparing food for lunches (we have to provide our own food) or just being there to support those who are working. Please consider being a part of this important activity.

For more information or to indicate your willingness to participate, please email Charlie Buckner at [c\\_runner@bellsouth.net](mailto:c_runner@bellsouth.net).



## Parish Life

A CONFIRMATION RECEPTION will be held on May 18th following the 11AM church service outside on the church lawn, weather permitting. In case of rain, we will hold the reception in the new fellowship hall. Please plan to attend and congratulate Gabe Isaac, Scott Kyro and Tina Padgett.

A RECEPTION TO HONOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES will be held June 1st immediately following the 11AM church service. We will be outside on the front lawn, weather permitting. In case of rain, please join us in the old fellowship hall. Come enjoy cake and share your best wishes with our high school grads from Calvary: Brittany Isaac- Freedom High and Erika Koerner-Freedom High; and college grads: Briana Gregory-Washington & Lee, Taylor Imboden-Vanderbilt, Bryna Riley-NC State Veterinary School, Elizabeth Stuenkel-NC State and Meredith Whitley-Elon. (If someone is omitted from this list, please let us know.)



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

JUNE 8TH, CALVARY LUTHERAN'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COVERED DISH DINNER will follow our church service that day. We will have many extra guests so plan to bring an extra large family favorite meat, bread or vegetable dish to share with others that day. Paper Products, Desserts and Drinks will be provided by the Parish Life Board. Your food can be brought inside and placed in the refrigerator or warming unit during the church service. Although we hope to get everyone seated in the New Fellowship Hall, we are planning for overflow seating to be in the Old Fellowship Hall as needed. This will be a fun celebration that you will not want to miss...so plan to be there and invite your families to attend. To help us with planning for seating and tables, please RSVP to Debbie Little, 433-6129, the total in your family that will be attending the dinner.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary News ~~~~~ June 8th

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Covered dish meal after worship service

Guest Preacher: Pastor Derek Boggs, former member of Calvary

It's spring and each day is a wonder with flowers and new leaves changing in front of our eyes, revealing the beauty of Gods' Creation. With each new day, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is moving toward a wonderful celebration.

Each member of the Calvary congregation has an opportunity to help build our celebration. From flip-flops to house building, from archives showing our foundation to storyboards showing 2008, from flowers to banners, there are many ways to build our 75<sup>th</sup> celebration.

The committee is extremely grateful for all ideas and offers to helping hands. Do you have an idea, suggestion, or want to help?

Please call Pattie Brittain ----- and join in building Calvary's church community.

*Celebrating 75 Years of God's Amazing Grace at Calvary Lutheran Church*



On May 18th, Gabrielle Isaac, Scott Kyro and Tina Padgett will affirm their baptismal covenants and confirm their faith in Jesus Christ, the faith in which they were baptized. We rejoice in their continued growth and faith formation, and we celebrate the call of the Holy Spirit to the milestone of the Christian life for them.

On May 4 we will celebrate Holy Communion with the following children.

Abby Blazer

Catherine Gamewell

Jacob Green

Zachary Green

Cole Linebaugh

Seth Potocki

Madison Robillard

Brendan Sossoman

Gage Wallace

They have received instruction about this holy sacrament of the church and believe that Jesus Christ is present with his love and grace as we gather for this family meal. We thank God for the faith development of our children and the guidance of the Holy Spirit among us. Please join the celebration at a reception immediately following the 11:00 service.

