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Calvary's PROCLAMATION

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Calvary Lutheran Church, ELCA
 "La Obra de Dios, Nuestra Mano"
 "God's Work, Our Hands"

Dear Friends in Christ,

We give thanks to God for your partnership and the many gifts you have shared in order to make the 2008 mission trip to El Salvador a reality. As we heard the call of our Lord to go and further build relationships with our Salvador brothers and sisters in Christ, we knew that only by the work of the Holy Spirit would we be able to follow. You heard the same call of our Lord to provide prayer and resources so that we might represent our congregation and serve where we have been called to follow Jesus. As we arrived in Central America, we wore t-shirts with logos on the front and the back. On the front were the words written around a cross "Called to follow, sent to serve." On the back were the words in Spanish "God's work, our hands."



Your gifts answered the themes of our trip, as spoken

into your heart by the Holy Spirit.

The mission trip was extraordinary. We worked, worshipped, celebrated, and engaged in conversation with many who we now know to be members of our family – the family of God in Christ Jesus. We look forward to sharing with you about our trip and the amazing ways our Lord has joined us together for the glory of God.

You are greatly appreciated. Your thoughtfulness and generosity continue to be "salt and light" for the kingdom of God (Matthew 5:13-16).

Yours in Christ,
 The 2008 El Salvador Mission Team:

Lynn Black, Clay Giese, Tyler Giese, Valerie Graybill, Hannah Hawn, Brittany Isaac, Tammy Isaac, Leslie Kern, Alex Rector, Phillip Rector, Bryna Riley, Pastor Mike Riley, Sarah Williams, Scott Wilson

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

Lloyd WallacePresident
 Jerry Stevens.....Vice-President
 Lynn Williams.....Secretary
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 Garry Harding.....Treasurer

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Term Expiring 2008

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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Elizabeth Stuenkel and Brian Selgrade, who were married here at Calvary August 10th. May God bless their life together!

BUCM SOUP KITCHEN volunteers are desperately needed for Calvary's team at the soup kitchen the first Thursday morning of each month. Contact Joe Cserservits for more information.



Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome Anna Kristen Cape, daughter of David and Treesie Cape, into the family of Christ. We thank God for the new life created among us.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jason and Heidi Potocki upon the birth of their daughter, Sophia Ann, born August 8th.

From the Library

We have several new items in the church library. For those with an interest in historical places, Sacred Spaces: Architecture and Religion in Historic Wilmington by Walter H. Conser, Jr. gives a brief history of that city's great old churches and of the beginnings of the different religions in the area. This book was contributed by Ron Cain and can be found in the nonfiction section (246).

We have a new DVD – "Grandma's Bread" - about a family coming to appreciate its traditions and their meanings. Produced by Franciscan Communications, this 18-minute program would be great with discussions about the Eucharist, intergenerational relationships, death, and family traditions.

For the fiction lover, we have two selections. Author Fannie Flagg takes readers of Can't Wait to Get to Heaven to Elmwood Springs, MO where the most unlikely and surprising experiences of a high-spirited octogenarian inspire a town to ponder the age-old question: Why are we here?

Author Jodi Picoult tackles the questions, "Can a parent love too much? Or is too much never enough?" in My Sister's Keeper. In this intricate story of a family struggling to help a child win her battle against cancer, the

complexities of choices and consequences linger in the mind of the reader long after the book ends.

This book is not new but one I noticed the other day and had to read. It is the story of Old Turtle, written by Douglas Wood with watercolors by Cheng-Khee Chee. It is an enchanting fable that fosters a deeper understanding of the earth and our relationship with all the other beings that inhabit it. I recommend it as a great book to read to children and grandchildren!

If you'd like to *hear* a great classic for young people, try checking out Ann of Green Gables on CD. The story of a young orphan girl who finds her home on Prince Edward Island with two rather unlikely people is a timeless delight.

Visit your church library down the hall from the Nave and across from the Chapel. There are many volumes for checking out or for on-site study. If you check out a book, please complete the card and place it in the box. We ask that you keep the item for no more than three weeks. If you do find that you need it longer, please stop by and note a renewal on the card. Ours is a "do-it-yourself, honor-system" library. Peace be with you.

Dot Williams

Calvary Lutheran Church Monthly Financial for Six Months Ending July 31, 2008

	Current Month This Year	Current Month Last Year	Year to Date This Year	Year to Date Last Year
Total Income Summary				
Contributions-General Fund	17,775.73	20,491.15	150,181.78	137,158.04
Contributions-Fund Holding	16,775.25	5,756.33	69,616.09	59,870.08
Contributions-Pass Through	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,429.73
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	65,100.00	72.27	65,100.00
Interest - PMM	123.43	304.53	1,132.08	2,187.34
	34,674.41	91,652.01	221,002.22	268,745.19
Total Expense Summary				
Budgeted	18,264.84	17,427.61	147,388.95	132,604.87
Fund Holding Expenses	17,262.57	16,527.25	98,179.60	103,422.60
Non-Budget Expenses	0.00	652.35	0.00	3,572.64
	35,527.41	34,607.21	245,568.55	239,600.11

A Parish Nurse for Calvary???

Parish Nursing was founded by a Lutheran hospital chaplain in 1984. He had long explored how health and sickness seemed closely linked to a patient's outlook on life. He designed a congregation-based program where the parish nurse sees health as more than the absence of disease but rather a condition of well-being or wholeness.

Parish nursing is a partnership between the church and healthcare agent, designed to reaffirm the church's role in one's overall health. Its specialized ministry assists in meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the congregation, as well as the community-at-large.

The parish nurse is a health educator, health counselor, referral coordinator and integrates the relationship between faith and health. In this role the parish nurse enhances rather than duplicates the services already within the church, the healthcare system and the community. The parish nurse partners with the pastoral care team (Health Board) and the community to care for the body, mind and spirit of the members. The parish nurse does not replace one's personal physician or provide hands-on nursing such as the drawing of blood or administering medications or wound care.

The North Carolina Lutheran Synod has available grants which may be used as seed money through the Michael Peeler Fund. Your church (CLC) has submitted an application for a grant to support the beginning of a parish nurse program.

The Synod Council will act on our request in mid-September. We have requested the total amount needed to fund it; CLC funds are very limited. The Peeler Fund may be available for two years providing a reduced amount the second year of approval.

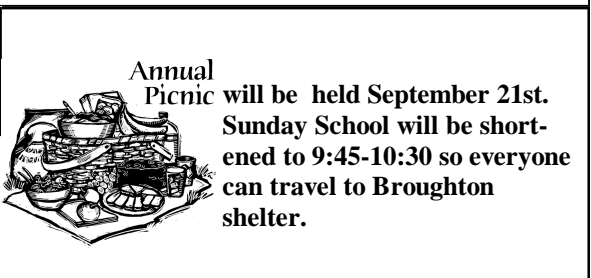
Our hope is to share the Parish Nurse with Grace Episcopal Church. He or she would serve 20 hours per week for each congregation. The nurse will be supervised by Blue Ridge Healthcare System's Parish Nurse Coordinator and a CLC Health Board made up of 6 to 12 members. Pastor and the parish nurse will be two of those members with the remaining individuals from within the congregation who have an interest in health and service. Please call if you are interested in this Board (433-0333). The Church Council will decide the number of members on this Board. Before this program begins, policies and procedures will be established and will be approved by Council.

Blue Ridge Healthcare (BRHC) will screen the applicants with CLC and Grace Episcopal making the final decision. Additionally, BRHC will provide all the employee's fringe benefits (insurance, in-service training, supervision, vacation, sick days, etc.). Their contribution equals 25% of the costs.

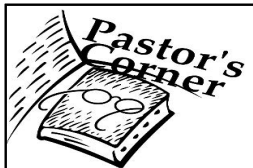
If we do not receive 100% funding, CLC will not be able to provide a parish nurse. Please say prayers accordingly. If funding is received, we hope to be able to get this new ministry this Fall. Margaret Miller



WORSHIP SCHEDULE has returned to 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45.



The Friendly Tuesday Club thanks the church and all who helped host the August meetings.



Dear Friends in Christ,

There is nothing like a trip to a third world country to help readjust your perspective on life. It's not that you have to leave the USA to see the difference between prosperity and poverty, surplus and scarcity...but it helps. Like learning a foreign language, the immersion experience is one of the quickest and most intense ways to accelerate your thinking and heighten your sensitivities. The people we serve in our global mission relationship with the Lutheran Church of El Salvador are people who depend every day on the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. And by depend, I mean they know there is no net underneath them when they fall, except the loving arms of God. No savings account, no health insurance, no pantry full of snacks, no cabinet full of medicine, no car in the driveway, no driveway, no locks on the doors, no doors in the home – nothing. But as a woman pointed out to me in the darkness of her living space – “there is Jesus.” And in Jesus, there is life.

Those of us who met our brothers and sisters in the Brisas del Valle (“breezes of the valley”) community met life in terms that differ dramatically from everyday life at home. Yet, it has occurred to me each time I visit our friends in Salvador that Jesus seems so tangible in the sharing of a glance, or a touch, or a word in the midst of all that poverty. In the “beatitudes” of Matthew’s gospel (Matthew 5:1-12), Jesus turns the perspectives of his listeners upside down as he

describes life in the kingdom of heaven. In Luke’s version (Luke 6:20-21), Jesus gets even more direct as he points out the ones who are truly blessed in God’s value system. “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh...”

One afternoon we walked through the streets with the homeless, destitute, addicted, urban street people of San Salvador to the *Casa Esperanza* (“the house of hope”), which is the Lutheran Church sponsored soup kitchen. The hunger of mind, body, and spirit was palpable as we made our way into and through the overcrowded casa and settled into a small room in an adjacent building. Some stood outside while we were greeted and informed about the work of *Casa Esperanza*. Then we were given lunch. As a piece of sweet bread, a banana, and a soda were being distributed to each person, it became evident that there were more of us than they had anticipated. Brittany broke her piece of bread and handed half to me saying, “Here pastor, I’ll share mine with you.” Sometimes Jesus seems so tangible...

Fourteen of us traveled together as sojourners seeking to experience and proclaim that the kingdom of God is near. We learned one thing for sure – blessed are we, blessed are they, blessed are you for the kingdom of God is near! Where there is life, there is Jesus...where there is Jesus, the kingdom of God breaks in. And where the kingdom of God breaks in, there we are able to say to our neighbor, “Here, I’ll share mine with you.”

Gracias por todo, el Señor
(Thanks for everything, Lord),

Pastor Mike



AT HOME:

J. C. Gantt
Maggie Lou Roberson
Billie Rose Robertson
Doris Sink
Jackie Wiseman

NURSING HOME:

Ruth Hahn (Grace Heights)
John Mabe (Morg. Long Term)
Marie Page (Autumn Care)
Wilma Whisnant (Grace Ridge)
Mary Voltmer (Grace Heights)

OTHERS:

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

SISTER PARISH:

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church,
Brisas del Valle, El Salvador

MEMBERS:

Rita Blanton
Charlie Edwards
Jan English
Jim Fisher
Denise Green
Bruce Kever
Evelyn Kever
Rachel Keisler
Sandy Koerner
Rama Mills
Edith Murphy
Betty Riley
Pat Stokes
Ernie Wallat

FAMILY:

Steve Bethke (Navy)
Roy & Azile Bogle
Darius & Sue Bollinger
Ray Bost
Amy Braun
J.C. Burnette
John Butera
Edith Cobb
Cathy Edwards
Tricia Fraser
Elizabeth Gray
Baby Greene
Mary Haller
Billie Harding
Gregg Harding
Julia Hartzog
Sarah Hensarling
Linda Howard
Stephen, Michelle & Madison Hines

U.S. MILITARY:

Henry Lange (Navy)
Justin Williams (Marines)

SEMINARIAN:

Joanna Novak
(Lutheran Theological
Seminary, Philadelphia)

Tristan Hines
(Army, Afghanistan)
Robert Horne
Brent Huss
Howard Jenkins
Nick & Nancy Kern
Hans & Betty Lund
CN Mease
Melissa Moore & Family
Sarah & Mitch Pons
Marshall Roberson
Kendall Seli (Army,
Afghanistan)
Suzy, Adam & Baby
Simzer
Michael Stokes
Jim Taylor
Evan Thomason
Rebecca Weiner
Fred Whalen
Vernon & Laura
Whisnant
Donald & Hazel Whitley
Bruce & Cindy Wiley
Tasha Williamson

FRIENDS:

Ray Aiken
Brett Anderson
Marie Biggs
Obie Carswell (Army)
Pansy Cauby
Carolyn Clark
Donald Farr
Jewell Gist
Gloria Hayes
Joyce Lagunas
Shelvia Lail
Susan Nyman
Richard Olson
Herb Piper
Sheila & Drew Roberto
Denise Robinson
Kyle Rusnack
Tony Sanders
Judy & John Scroggs
Donna Sebacher
Charles Scott
Robert Shepherd
The Simons
Donna Spicer
The Stacy Family
Lauren Vaaler
Vicki Wilson

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

Larry & June Elliott upon the death of his mother, Irene.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS


Margaret Miller	1	Alison Lutz	12
Brandy Stevens	1	Juanita Sigmon	14
Shirley Nutbrown	1	Betty Riley	14
Sharon Shirlen	2	Scott Benson	15
Diana Ervin	3	Seth Hunt	16
Robert Peterson	4	Gary Lail	17
Bo Goodson	4	Tammy Isaac	21
Ruth Peterson	5	Paul Gamewell	22
Ken Whitley	5	Treesie Cape	22
Mandy Greco	7	Scott Kyro	24
Henry Sain	9	Paul Somers	24
Debbie Robillard	11	Donna Short	25
Beverly Watts	12	Jan Dokter	25
Wendy Kyro	12	Fred Roberson	28

WE PRAY MONTHLY FOR MEMBERS
OF THE CONGREGATION IN LOVE AND
COMMUNION
WITH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Charles & Joyce Moeller
Chuck & Judy Moll
Bob & Marcia Mould
Blaine & Carrie Mull, Gabe & Abby
Edith Murphy

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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	11:00
Ushers:	Chuck Moeller Howy Copenhaver	Bob Kilpatrick Ernie Wallat Ken Whitley Steve Yount
September 7	Nina Harding Tina Padgett	Tori Whalen Will Duncan
Asst. Minister	Nina Harding	Jake Duncan
Acolyte	Julie Copenhaver	Jennifer Hunt
Crucifer	Nancy Gregory	Steve Wilson
Lector		Imbodens
Greeter		Beverly Watts
Nursery		Carrie Mull
Children's Message		
Children's Church		
September 14	Ingrid Farrar Georgia Ballard	Bob Kilpatrick Scott Kyro
Asst. Minister	Nina Harding	Trevor Kyro
Acolyte	Chuck Moll	Ingrid Farrar
Crucifer	Chuck & Judy Moll	Ellen Koerner
Lector		Kerns
Greeter		Scott Wilson
Nursery		Teresa Gamewell
Children's Message		
Children's Church		
September 21	CHURCH PICNIC	
Asst. Minister	Nina Harding	Eric Stuenkel
Acolyte	Tina Padgett	
Crucifer	Georgia Ballard	
Lector	Fred Miller	Rich Duncan
Greeter	Larry Berryhill	
September 28	Dawn McDonald Gavin McDonald	Richard Isaac Amanda Rector
Asst. Minister	Dawn McDonald	Crystal Anthony
Acolyte	Ingrid Farrar	Treesie Cape
Crucifer	Howy Copenhaver	Debbie Little
Lector		Brandi Stevens
Greeter		Pastor Mike
Nursery		Jennifer Hunt
Children's Message		
Children's Church		
Altar Guild:	Gloria Kilpatrick, Kamara Reade, Debbie Little, Pattie Brittain	
Caregiver:	Betty Williams	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
September 2008	1 LABOR DAY Circle I will not meet.	2 10:00 Circle II	3 6:00 Support 7:00 Handbells	4 BUCM (am)	5	6		
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From Parish Life Board

Kitchen Notes:

We would like to review some things about the kitchen areas with our church members. As a member of Parish Life, we are responsible for planning fellowship opportunities, providing paper products and beverages for church functions, as well as keeping our kitchen areas clean and organized. When planning an event that involves using the kitchen areas, whether it is for your personal use or a church function, please remember the following things.

Reserve the use of the kitchen and fellowship hall areas through our Church Office ahead of time.

If you are planning a personal event, please bring your own paper products, and beverages for this function. If it is for a church event involving our members, you are welcome to use the paper products. You should check to see that the paper products you need are there ahead of time, and if not, you can purchase them yourself and turn in the receipt for a refund from the church treasurer and the parish life fund. Please let Debbie Little know if you have turned in receipts from our budget line so she is aware of our spending allowance. You can also check with Debbie to see if a parish life member plans to go to Sam's Club to pick up paper products and beverage items in the near future.

If you are using the kitchens and do not know how items work in the kitchens, please contact Debbie Little or a Parish Life Board member to assist and show you how to use the items in the kitchen properly. There also is a black notebook with detailed information on how to operate items in the kitchen.

If using the convection ovens, do NOT put foil or plastic over items to heat. The plastic would melt and the foil gets pulled into the oven fans.

Please report any items you need in the kitchen that are not available to Debbie.

Please report anything broken in the kitchens, to Debbie Little or the Parish Life Board.

Please do not allow food items or liquid broth to go down the drains in the new kitchen as this can clog up the pipes.

Items left in the New Fellowship Hall Refrigerator need to be labeled for the event they are to be used. Anything left in the refrigerator is to be labeled with a date...so it can be thrown out as needed. After events, if food is leftover, please send it home with someone or take it to the soup kitchen, if possible. Do not leave it in the refrigerator as this allows more space in the refrigerator.

Coffee is located in the Coffee Cabinet in the New Fellowship Hall if needed. Please let us know when you get down to half a can of coffee in order to replenish as needed.

Tablecloths are to be washed, folded and returned to the cabinet inside the pantry. If you take any to use outside the church, please use the sign-out sheet located on the cabinet door.

Dish cloths and towels are to be taken home and washed after functions and returned to the plastic storage containers in the pantry area.

If using church tables or chairs outside the church, please contact the church office. Please report any tables or chairs in need of repair.

Food in the pantry is often pre-purchased for church functions. Please check with the Parish Life Board, before using these items. If you store items for a function in the pantry, simply label them for your upcoming function. Please DATE items, such as spices, so we know how old these items are for future use.

Please leave the long tables out at all times, and up to 4 or 5 round tables with chairs at them.

The Old Fellowship Hall is also used as a Sunday school class. If you are changing the arrangement for your function, please return the room to be ready for Sunday School.

Baskets and decorating items are in the closet off the New Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to use these items, but wash and dry if needed, and return the items to their proper storage container. Wrap them with paper if needed.

Trash bags are usually in the kitchens, but

extras are in the custodian closet, if needed. At the end of your function, remove trash that contains food items to the trash cans located outside the new fellowship hall.

Take good care of our church home, leave it as clean or cleaner than it was when you used it. A carpet sweeper is in the closet in the New Fellowship Hall area.

Make sure all exterior doors are locked upon leaving.

We appreciate your help with keeping our church fellowship halls clean and organized. We are the church together! Thanks again and remember, if you need assistance with anything regarding our kitchens, please contact Debbie Little or a Parish Life Board Member.

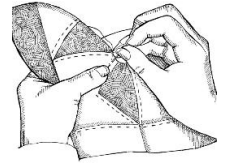
Kitchen Requests:

We thought with folks "downsizing" you may have some of these items you could donate to our Kitchen:

- ?? A large dorm refrigerator for the Old Fellowship Hall for food items used during Fellowship Time
- ?? Clear glass serving bowls in assorted sizes
- ?? Serving platters and trays (white or clear glass) in assorted sizes
- ?? Cake & pie servers, spatulas
- ?? Paper Doilies
- ?? Cool Whip Bowls for leftovers
- ?? Cloth or paper bread basket liners
- ?? Paper towels
- ?? Decorating items for 12-15 tables
- ?? Monetary donations to help us purchase cloth for new 72x72 tablecloths for round tables. We found a place to get this and extra money would help us to replenish our tablecloths with beautiful, complimenting, fun, printed fabrics to use along with our existing tablecloths.

See Debbie Little if you can donate any of the above things and place them in the New Kitchen Area please. **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to the diligence of some wonderful Calvary women, I was able to send 54 (yes, fifty-four!!) quilt blocks to the Inspiration Guild in memory of our friend and fellow member, Jan Stuenkel. For each block submitted, Blank Textiles will donate \$1 to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. When the blocks are assembled into a quilt, that quilt is auctioned off with the proceeds going to the NOCC.



Each quilt is dedicated to a victim or survivor of ovarian cancer. We are hoping the dedication Joyce Imboden wrote to Jan and the blocks we submitted will come together at some point. Each block, along with a picture of its maker, will appear on the Inspiration Guild website at www.blankquilting.com. It will be a couple months before this happens. In the meantime, you can see us at work on Calvary's website, www.clemorganton.org.

I want to thank everyone who participated so willingly in this project. You all did a great job and I'm very proud of you! **Karel Johnson**

Wedding Shower Planned for Hunt/Capps

We would like to invite all church members to a Wedding Shower to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Seth Hunt and Andrea Capps. The shower will be held in the New Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 11AM Church Service on Sunday,

September 14th. Lunch will be served as well as cake and punch. Seth and Andrea are registered at Target and JC Penney in Hickory. Please stay and help us to give a warm Calvary shower to show our love and support for the Wedding. For more information please contact, Debbie Little or Gloria Kilpatrick.

IT'S COMING!

The second of Calvary's annual BUCM food drive. October is the month; we want to surpass the 950 lbs. collected for the 75th anniversary drive. Look for more information in coming weeks.

(It involves a **BIG RED TRUCK!**)



Called to Serve

September 2008
Calvary Lutheran Church
WELCA NEWSLETTER

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 PresidentDot Williams
SecretaryHeather Sossoman
Treasurer.....Connie Wilkie
Circle I LeaderJeanette Wilson
Circle II LeaderDebbie 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!

Women of the ELCA Philadelphia Lutheran Church

Dear Women of the ELCA,
Our Blue Ridge Conference Fall Gathering is fast approaching, so we thought we would provide you with some information before you receive the registration form.

When: Saturday, October 18, 2008

Where: Philadelphia Lutheran Church
Granite Falls, NC

Time: Refreshments begin at 9:15 a.m.
Meeting is from 10:00 a.m.—12:30 pm
(including lunch)

Cost: \$7.00

Theme: North Carolina Women in Prison
by Kay Weaver

Pennies: Will go to Prison Match

We will provide a nursery. On your registration form please indicate if you will be bringing children and how many.

Please encourage members of your church's Women of the ELCA to attend. Challenge those who have never attended to come and find out what our NC Women of the ELCA are involved in, who we are, where our money goes, etc.

Further details will be forthcoming. We look forward to seeing you at the gathering! Hope you are having a safe and wonderful summer!

Stacie Myers

President of Philadelphia Women of the ELCA
828-396-2496

CALVARY CIRCLES

Circle I will not meet during September.

Circle II will meet Tuesday, September 2, 10:00 am in the old fellowship hall. Betty Williams will hostess; Ruth Peterson will present the program.

Dear friends in Christ,

As one who went on the El Salvador mission trip, I was continually reminded of Romans 1:12 and 14:19 where we are instructed to “help each other with our faith, every part dependent on the other.” The Calvary Church family has reached out to encourage and assist another church family that struggles with many issues. Their pastor is working incredibly hard to lead his 5 congregations and having us come not only shared with them Christ’s love, but it was continually seen for us as well. Thank you, church family, for supporting this sharing of our faith.

Lynn Black

Dear Calvary Family,

Every time Pastor Matias would start a new prayer or simply address us, he would always begin by stating *hermanos y hermanas*, which in English translates to “brothers and sisters.” For me it was a simple and humbling reminder that we are brothers and sisters for we are all God’s children. Pastor Matias is the pastor for our sister parish in Brisas del Valle in El Salvador (not to mention the fact that he is also the pastor for four other communities in the area) and it has been my privilege to work with him and his parishes during my trips to El Salvador. I have been blessed in that I have now been able to go to El Salvador twice on mission trips with our congregation and each time I have been completely amazed by the generosity and kindness of the Salvadoran people who have taken us in and truly treated us like brothers and sisters. Through these trips I have seen God work in many ways. I have seen general interest and willingness to get involved grow within the congregation. I have seen us form loving relationships with adults and children in the communities that we

serve. And I have seen a dramatic change within myself. I personally believe (and I’m sure that the others that went along to El Salvador would wholeheartedly agree) that we have benefited more from our relationship with our brothers and sisters in El Salvador than we could ever hope to give to them, And so, it is incredibly difficult for me to summarize what it meant to me to be able to go on this mission trip and share my time and talents with my brothers and sisters. It meant a chance to share God’s love with some of his children that are looking for good news in these tough times. It meant the opportunity for me to focus on the needs of others instead of thinking of my own selfish desires. But most importantly, it meant that we were able to grow closer to our brothers and sisters and thus strengthen our relationship as we continue our journey with Christ. Therefore, I want to thank you all for your prayers and support. Thank you for making this mission possible and I pray that our mission continues to grow and that we all continue to work together to help out our *hermanos and our hermanas*.

Clay Giese

Picnic and Play Day at the Isaac’s Boulderline Camp (All are invited!) September 28th 1:30-6:30 PM

As a thank you to our church family for permitting us to use the church as our pick up and drop off point for our summer camp programs we would like to invite everyone out for a pot luck picnic and recreation day on Sunday afternoon on September, 28th between 1:30 and 6:30. We will have our climbing tower open from 2:00 – 4:00 for anyone who would like to climb and try out the zip line. So come dressed to play! Other activities are hiking, mountain biking (must bring you own bike) volleyball, horse shoes, or just relaxing and socializing. As a closure we plan on having a bonfire, roast marshmallows and sing camp songs. What to bring? We ask that you bring a covered dish, a favorite beverage and a chair. Parking is limited so try to carpool as much as possible. Our phone number is (828) 625-4913. We are looking forward to this time together!

Map & Directions to Boulderline Camp from Morganton NC

Take I-40 west to HWY 221(Exit 85). Go south (turn left off the interstate) toward Rutherfordton for about 5 miles. Look for a small white church on the left. Just past the church turn right onto Mud Cut road. Travel to the end of Mud Cut road and turn left on to Sugar Hill road. You will pass two convenience stores. Before you pass the second store the road will change names at the county line to Cove road. About a mile past the second store you will turn right on to Bill’s Creek road. After turning onto Bill’s Creek road you will travel about 2 miles and turn left onto Boland Drive. This is a gravel road and easy to miss! Travel up Boland Drive for about ¾ of a mile. Look for a sign (Boulderline Adventure Programs) turn down our drive, just in front of the sign.