



MT. CALVARY CONNECTION

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JULY 2008

BABY SHOWER FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Babies are so precious and sweet...and their clothes are so tiny and cute! Come join the ladies of Mt Calvary as we put together layettes for Lutheran World Relief. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, July 19 at 9am**. Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be provided. The Care & Needs Committee of LWML is sponsoring the Baby Shower.

We're letting you know about this Servant Event well ahead of time so that you can begin to collect items for the layettes. Yard sales, clearance racks or even your own child's outgrown things are excellent resources. Layette components are:

- t-shirts and/or onesies
- gowns and/or sleepers
- sweaters and/or sweatshirts
- receiving blankets
- cloth diapers (pre-folded preferred) ****need lots of these!**
- Washcloths
- bath-size bars (4-5 oz) gentle soap, in original wrapper
- diaper pins



Just about any size is acceptable for the clothing items, although the smaller sizes are preferred. Items may be gently used, no stains or rips - something you'd be willing for your own child to wear. If you have any questions, please ask Melissa Gier.

**Mt. Calvary
V.B.S.
July 7-11, 2008
8:30-11:30a.m.**



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!!!!

VBS is only 8 days away, I (*Paul Mabrey*) cannot sing, as *many of you know*. We are looking for an **Adult Music leader** to help us learn the great songs that go with this program. Music CD, Book, are provided. There will be a couple of volunteers to help you up front.

We are also in need of **Preschool Director** and **2 preschool station leaders** as well as several crew leaders (for preschool crews and Kindergarten to 5th grade crews).

Would you please prayerful consider these positions and contact Paul Mabrey VBS Coordinator either by one of the following ways: filling out volunteer form, calling him at (H) 785-776-3280, (Cell) 785-565-2692, (E-mail) pemrlm@kansas.net.

Thank You
and God's Blessing

POWER LAB *DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER!*

This is the theme for our VBS program here at Mt. Calvary. The dates are JULY 7th through 11th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. So come and join us as we learn the POWER OF JESUS through music, test tube treats, games, crafts, science lab, chadder theater and Bible Story. If you have not pre-registered your child(ren) yet, please do so today. But remember it is never too late to register or come, even if it is just for one or two days. The forms are on the round table by the front entrance door (Narthex). If there are any questions please ask Paul White or Paul Mabrey.

MT. CALVARY WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAYS - 6:00P.M.
SUNDAYS - 8:00 AND 10:30A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE
CLASSES ARE HELD FROM
9:15-10:15 EVERY SUNDAY

CHUCKLE TIME...

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year old son and his playmate had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.



The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with the sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always say: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.'

For Your Information—

Thrivent Rep., Dean Straub will NOT be at Mt. Calvary on Tuesday, July 8th. He will be here July 22nd from 1-3PM. He also has an office in downtown Wamego. You may call him at 456-7099

INTERESTED IN CRUISING ALASKA SUMMER OF 2009??

A trip is being planned for July 6th, 2009, 11 nights. This is a land/sea package.

Departure port—Seward, Alaska
Ship name—Radiance of the Seas

If you are interested in going, please contact Diana Kleiner at 785-456-2898 or dlkleiner@yahoo.com or Becky Mayes at 785-456-7291 or email her at bjmayes@wamego.net

PRAYER CALL CHAIN

If you have an occasion to request a prayer, please call the church office or any one of the Daytime or Evening members of the Prayer Circle. Please contact the person below your name, and if you are unable to reach that person, go to the next one on the list.

DAYTIME CIRCLE

Nadine Stueve	456-7939
Dolores Schierkolk	456-7542
Leota Figge	456-1927
Dorothy Streiner	456-9594
Inez Rand	456-9185
Jean Buchanan	456-8050

EVENING CIRCLE

Sharon Bush	564-0976
Cindy Seitz	437-2456
June Brase	456-7858



Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

YOU CAN HELP SOMEONE FIND A REWARDING CAREER

Do you know someone that would enjoy a career that offers financial rewards and a unique opportunity to help others? If so, we'd like to hear from you.

To meet the growing needs of Lutherans, their families, and congregations, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is expanding its team of Thrivent Financial representatives. We are looking for the most caring, competent and committed people to fill this role.

Our financial representatives enjoy and flexible schedule, unlimited income potential, training and team support, and the personal rewards that come with helping others.

You can help someone find a rewarding career. For more information, to make a referral, or apply, visit www.thrivent.com/careers or contact Richard Heishman at 1-800-886-1663 ext. 313 or Richard.heishman@thrivent.com

CIRCUIT CONVOCATION AUGUST 24TH @ ALMA

You are invited to our circuit convocation on Sunday, August 24th, at St. John Lutheran Church, Alma. The convocation will include a ministry fair, depicting items from a number of sources, and several workshops for Christian families. The Keynote speaker, Brian Young will present "The Godly Family" and answer questions about the creationist model of origins.

More information will be given next month, but here are some descriptions off the Creation Instruction website: <http://www.creationinstruction.org>

These are suggested lectures for the convocation:

THE GODLY FAMILY: Having problems with your children or grandchildren? This is one of our most requested presentations. See what the Bible says about the discipline and education of your children. This presentation will reveal what God sees as priority for your children and gives Biblical steps in raising a Godly family. You will never view this awesome responsibility the same again.

ANSWERS TO THE MOST ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can creation be taught in public schools? What about distant star-light being seen from earth? What is cloning and is it okay? Was ancient man primitive? Did cave men exist and who were they? Where did the races come from? What is the Tower of Babel? Is Lucy an intermediate? Has Sodom and Gomorrah been found? These and many more topics will be covered in this informative presentation.

A LITTLE BIBLICAL HUMOR...



Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. *Ruthless.*

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. *German Shepherds.*

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. *Noah—He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.*

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

⇒ Sunday Mornings - 9:15a.m.

* Studying the book of Daniel- Leader: Pastor Mayes

⇒ Weekdays/Saturday

* 7:00p.m. Mondays—LifeLight Bible Study at the Fellowship Hall

* We will not have Wednesday morning Bible study during the month of July.

* Due to the July 4th weekend, the Men's Saturday morning will not be held but will resume again the first Saturday in August at the Church Fellowship Hall Leader: Paul Mabrey

⇒ SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

* Rosander's Home Bible study will not meet July through August, but will resume in September.

* Jack & Pat Steel's Bible study group meet every-other-Friday evening at their home - Selected Topics Contact 456-1730

* Ron & Nalita Wright host a small group Bible study on Thursday evenings. Contact the Wright's at 456-9347

Attention

Bible Study Leaders:

Please contact the Church office with any changes or additions to the above schedule.



The best thing to do with the Bible is to know it in the head, stow it in the heart, sow it in the world, and show it in your life.

FLINT HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR TWO GODLY EMPLOYEES:

Flint Hills Christian School is seeking a full time Christian English teacher for the 2008-2009 school year as well as a part-time librarian.

For information about these positions, please call Frank Leone at the school (776-2223).

L.W.M.L. CORNER

OFFICERS FOR 2008

President - Carolyn Stutzman
Vice-President - Ruth LaChance
Secretary - Carol Brase
Treasurer - Melissa Gier

Thursday, July 3—1:30p.m. LWML Executive Board Meeting—at the Church Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, July 9th—7:00p.m. LWML Meeting at the Church Fellowship Hall.

Theme: Independence Day—(Freedom) Topic Leader will be Nadine Stuve and the hostess is Nyla Zerbe.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART—"Red Items"
 (i.e. cherry pie filling, apples, tomatoes, etc.)

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

**HEAR THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE WITH
DR. KEN KLAUS ON THE FOLLOWING STATIONS
EACH SUNDAY:**

**Topeka, KJTY 88.1 at 6:30p.m. or WIBW 580 at
7:30a.m. Clay Center KCLY 100.9 at 7:30a.m.**

July 6—"Seeing As God Sees" Are you worried about how you look to others? Today's Lutheran Hour message says God is concerned about your looks as well. Listen to today's message and see how God sees. (Romans 7:24-25)

July 13—"The Agony of Defeat"

Christ came to move us forward, not backward. If you feel you're going in the wrong direction, listen to today's The Lutheran Hour message. (Romans 8:15)

July 20—"Looks Easy To Me"

Every job looks easy, as long as you don't have to do it. That is certainly true in regard to the Savior Who has done what we cannot do. (Romans 8:18)

July 27—"God's Vision Revealed"

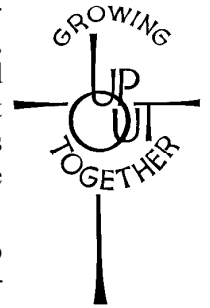
Guest Speaker: Rev. Ralph Blomenburg
 Sometimes you have to see something before it is there, or it will never be there at all. What a sculptor did for Mt. Rushmore, God has done for you. (Romans 8:28)

MEMBERCONNECT MT. CALVARY'S ONLINE COMMUNITY

Mt. Calvary members can access our Online Community at <https://mtcalvarylutheranchurch.ctsmemberconnect.net/home-ctrl.do>

This is a great way for our church family to communicate among ministry groups and each other. Staff and Ministry Group Leaders can post announcements, calendar events, task assignments, discussion forums, help wanted ads, and much more for the groups they lead. It requires a user ID and password to access the information secured for members use only.

There are training tips posted online to help you. If you need additional help or have questions, please contact the church office at 456-2444.



WOMAN TO WOMAN

Sponsored by Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

**7:30a.m. Saturdays, Angel 95FM
11:00a.m. Sundays, KMAN 1350AM**

July 6—"Be the Mom" - Julie Barnhill author of *One Tough Mother: It's Time to Step Up and Be the Mom* talks about the NON-negotiable of motherhood, facing your giants, saying "no" like you mean it, and love 'em crazy — all within the framework of God's blueprint for mothers!

July 13—"Hollywood Stories and Yours"—Award-winning producer Ken Wales is lauded for his CBS series "Christy" and recent film "Amazing Grace" on Wilberforce's fight to abolish slave trade. Ken shares on working with Walt Disney and famous stars and God writing His story through you!

July 20—"STD's: One Woman's Return from Shame"—When Jen was diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease, she quickly discovered how "free and casual" sex could become "medical and forever." Hear how God led Jen from isolation to trusting Him with her dark secret and the rest of her story.

July 27—"Learning to Breathe Again"—Losing someone you love is devastating. Recording artist and author, Tammy Trent, learned that first hand when she lost her husband suddenly in a diving accident—just one day before 9-11. Find out how Tammy learned to breathe again.



2008 YOUTH BOARD

Chairperson
Katie Fritz

Colby Brummett
Joshua Hahn
Daniela Rincon
James Rincon

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNICATORS:
Jennifer Rogers and Angie Matthews

LUTHERAN VALLEY RETREAT—COLORADO!



Please pray for the safety of our youth as they travel to Lutheran Valley Retreat in Colorado. They will be leaving from Mt. Calvary at 7:00am on Sunday, July 20th and will be returning in the evening on Friday, July 25th. While in Colorado the students will be participating in fun and exciting group building and faith building exercises based around the theme **Finally Free!** (John 8:31b-32). This week will no doubt be life changing for our youth so don't forget to ask them about their week when they return. Also keep in mind that the youth will be out of telephone range while at camp, so don't expect to be able to contact them.

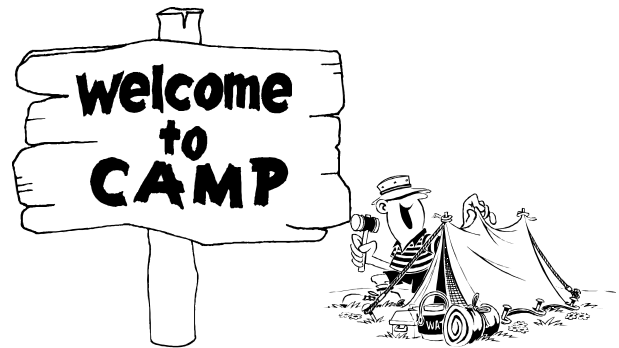
COMING UP... TEEN LEADERSHIP RETREAT—ROCK SPRINGS



Teen Leadership Retreat (TLR), August 22-24, at Rock Springs 4H Center. As has been said many times, *"The youth are the future of the church."* What better way to grow and improve the future church than to strengthen the leadership abilities of our current youth. Youth of Mt. Calvary that would like to be leaders are encouraged to attend the Teen Leadership Retreat led by Kansas' own LYF National Representatives (sophomores) Alex Augustyniewicz (Ascension, Wichita) and Elise Schulteis (Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove).

REMEMBER...

The Youth are still collecting aluminum cans as an ongoing fundraiser. Please bring your cans to the church's lower west parking lot and place them in the "recycle" barrels by the door.



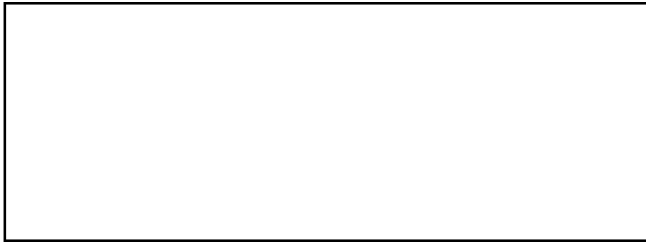
LUTHERAN FAMILY RETREAT AT CAMP WEBSTER—SALINA

Lutheran Family Retreat, August 8-10, 2008, at camp Webster, just off I-70 near Salina, KS. The facility provides **air-conditioned** housing and dining, plus lots of scenic outdoor areas and activities for young children, young adults and those young at heart. A CPH display is available for your browsing and buying pleasure at a 20% discount! Sound fun? IT IS! Come and join us for a week-end of relaxation, worship, and fun with family and friends. **Retreat fees are \$75.00/ person ~children 5 and under are free.** Ask about our discounts for 1st timers and referee! A \$15 deposit is required for each person 5 and over by July 20th. An information/Registration Brochure is available on the narthex table. Pick one up today! Or for more information contact: Dale & Patty Eickhoff, 785-885-4595 or icough24@ruraltel.net.

MT. CALVARY'S VBS

July 7—11, 2008
8:30-11:30a.m.





Vacation Bible School
July 7-11, 2008
8:30-11:30a.m.



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Giving a Cup of Cold Water

During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent much time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did he send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord.

In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to His disciples, said, *"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.*



And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward." Jesus told His disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to Him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist with the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself.

As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, He refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we are all given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors. May God bless us all as we work to further His kingdom.