

CALVARY WEEKLY CALLER NEWS

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH // MARCH 4 - MARCH 11



In the wilderness of everyday life we know what it feels like to be “Lost.” Lost in our busyness. Lost in our worry and our drive to acquire more and more. Lost in our agendas, appearances, and doubt. During Lent we’ll enter this wilderness together and remember that when we are lost God doesn’t sit waiting for us to find our way back. Rather, God is always frantically searching us out. Nothing will separate us from this God. With God, you are never truly lost.

JOIN CALVARY IN THE WILDERNESS THIS LENTEN SEASON

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE HOME A LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOK / During Lent, the 40 days before Holy Week, faith communities often take up a faith practice. At Calvary, we have a tradition of daily devotional readings written by the congregation. You are invited to pick up a Lenten Devotional Book and join in this ancient faith practice. A big thank you to each of our 40 writers who contributed to make this year’s Lenten Devotional possible.

HOLY LAND OLIVE OIL / The Calvary group that traveled to the Holy Land in 2014 is initiating an effort to raise scholarship funds for the four schools run by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land, through the support of a Thrivent Action Team. Bottles of fair trade Palestinian Premium Olive Oil will be for sale the weekends of March 4-5 and 11-12 after worship. Stop by to learn how this olive oil is a lifeline for Palestinian farmers and about some of the difficulties our fellow Christians face in the Middle East.

TEMPORARY FOOD SHELF / Please donate non-perishable food (meal items are helpful), household, and personal care items for our temporary food shelf in collaboration with WCMCA’s free tax prep program. Pick up a green bag to take as a reminder or simply drop off items in the red shopping cart in the gathering space.

CALVARY IS HIRING A BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / We are looking for an enthusiastic and hardworking team member to provide financial, human resource and operational support and oversight to the mission and ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church. The position is full time and requires 3-5 years of experience. A full job description is available in the church office.

SPECIAL EASTER CHORUS / Join the Calvary Choir this Lent for a special Easter Celebration Chorus! Rehearsals will be held Wednesday, March 29th, April 5th, and April 12th from 7pm to 8pm in the 2nd floor chapel. We will perform several selections during the 9:30am Easter service. All are welcome!

DISCUSSION ABOUT “THE SHACK” AT SR. COFFEE- MARCH 14TH AT 10 AM

“The Shack” is showing at a theater near you! At the next Sr. Coffee, there will be an opportunity to discuss the book and/or movie. Any and all seniors, you are invited to join the Calvary Staff for coffee and conversation at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 14th in the Svea Library Lounge. *If you have not read the book or seen the movie, please know you are still welcome to come and share fellowship.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING CLOSET / We are in need of wheelchairs if you have one to donate. Our lending closet has several items available to borrow as needed, including wheelchairs, standard walkers, rolling/seated walkers, crutches and a shower seat. Please call the church office for assistance.

LOCAL FOOD DELIVERED TO CALVARY ON WEDNESDAYS / Calvary is proud to serve as a weekly drop-site for Local Harvest Market. Place your order through their website or app (by Tuesday) and pick up your produce, meat, bread, cheese and more at Calvary every Wednesday between 3-6pm. Visit www.localharvestmarket.co (note address is .co not .com) to place your order.

COFFEE FOR SALE / Calvary sells fairly traded Equal Exchange coffee and hot chocolate as a part of our partnership with Lutheran World Relief. Check out the supply in Svea and support farmers who receive a fair price for their product!

CONFIRMATION THIS WEEK / Mentors begin this week. All participating students, please make sure your mentor knows the mentoring dates, March 8, 22, 29 from 6-7:30pm and ask them to attend one of two trainings, the last one will be held Wednesday March 8 at 5:30pm.

THE HIGH SCHOOL CLOTHES CLOSET IS OPEN / Thanks to your generosity, the clothes closet is not currently taking donations. Clothes are available for middle and high school students in need.

SHARES FUNDRAISER / Thank you for the tremendous support of our youth fundraiser! We meet and exceeded our goals. This will go far in ensuring that young people can afford to engage the camp experience. We can't wait to share about the return on your investments in August.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Pastor & Members of Calvary Lutheran Church for hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive Feb. 20th & 21st. Thank you for providing coffee for the donors. It is appreciated very much.

- Red Cross & the Grey Ladies of the Red Cross.

Thank you for your donation of \$2,500 to the 2016 Douglas County Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringer Program. Your generosity helps those who are struggling in our community.

- Roger Bakewell, The Salvation Army