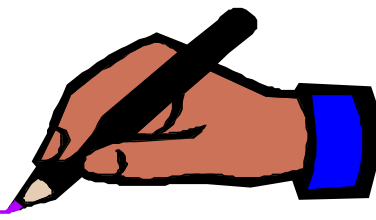


FROM THE PASTOR



MUSTARD SEED
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, it's almost here! We've celebrated Thanksgiving and the air is thick with holiday cheer. The mall is flooded with shoppers and trying to find a parking place at Walmart is nearly impossible. All sorts of items are flying off the shelves as people search and buy what they hope will be the best Christmas gift of the year for their friends, families, and significant others. Houses are decorated with bright colored lights, inflatable lawn ornaments, the likes of Christmas trees... Rudolph's...Santa Clause's...snowmen in the desert (hmmm...)...fill residential yards. Businesses have begun their holiday Christmas parties, restaurants are full of diners at all hours, and traffic on the main roadways is frustratingly packed and slow. Phew! And...dare I mention that with all the holiday cheer comes enough holiday grinchiness (is that a word?) to make your great day sail down to despair as the waiting lines to eat at your favorite establishment is forever long...the store is sold out of the gift you desperately wanted to get for someone...and another person yanked out of your hands the item you grabbed without so much as a "I'm sorry"...you get stuck in the horrendous traffic making you late to your next appointment...people cut you off going down the road and then give you the "number 1" sign as if you were in the wrong...you can't find all of your holiday lights and the ones that you did are half burned out (thank goodness gone are the days when one light burned out they all went out!!! I hated those lights...and then I could never figure out why the lights were blinking...who put the blinker in the strand of lights?!)...the days are dwindling away and you still have to wrap all those Christmas presents you've been hiding in your secret hidey hole...Christmas Day has just snuck up on you (why it does, I have no idea...it's the same date EVERY year!)...and your house is going to be bombarded with guests for the next several days or even couple of weeks! Some say that this is the most wonderful time of the year! Personally, I agree with that sentiment because people, for the most part are more cordial and appear happier than other times throughout the year. I also like this time of year because of other reasons. Sure, I like giving and receiving presents. I like the excitement that is in the air. I could do without the grinchies and hum-bugs. But, this time of the year with the holidays just seems to make me way more acutely aware of how truly blessed I am...how truly blessed we all are, really. I mean, even though we grumble over the state of our country and our world, we are tremendously blessed by God. The fact that we get to get up and celebrate this

very season is a gift in itself. What we and our world so often forget is that had God not sent His Son to be born of Joseph and Mary in a little town called Bethlehem in Nazareth, there would be NO Christmas to celebrate. Yes, money-makers have figured out a way to advertise and make money using Christmas as their "bring us back up to the black...", but there never would have been a Christmas that the business world could have marketed had Jesus not been born. Yes...I believe our world has made Christmas into something it's not. No matter how much money changes hands...no matter how "good" the gifts are that are given...no matter how many presents are under the tree...none of those things will ever compare in greatness to the gift of God Himself to the world! If you stop for a moment in all the hullabaloo, I bet you can almost smell the sweet smelling hay, hear the stable animals, see a tired and yet joyful Mary, witness a proud Joseph, see the awe-struck shepherds, and bask in the glow of Bethlehem's star as you hear the Baby Jesus cooing and the angels of heaven singing their praises of glory to God. Do you smell it? Do you see it? Do you hear? How blessed we are at the birth of this Christ Child...the Savior of the World...the greatest gift of all

In celebration of this most wonderful time of the year, times of eating and fellowship along with times of worship will be held. It is my prayer that each of you take time out of the business of your holiday schedules to gather together on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for the next 4 weeks. Taking this time for fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ is uplifting to your spirit. Taking this time to sit at the very Christ Child's feet and sing His praises and receive His sweet Gospel and forgiveness satisfies your soul. This certainly is the most wonderful time of the year. I look forward to praising our good and gracious Lord for His benefits and rich blessings He gives to each of us.

The schedule for this glorious season of Advent is found on page 2.

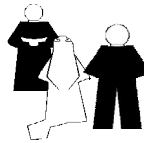
A blessed Advent and Christmas to all of you!
Pastor Kessler

Happy Birthday!

Idonna Deaver	12/03
Ed Hahn	12/07
Joseph Parker	12/07
Matthew Wilder	12/14
Carol Bickham	12/16
Gladys Timoruski	12/17
Brian Rochester	12/18
Roxana Williams	12/18
Jennifer Kessler	12/19
Rosemary Suhr	12/19
William Stewart	12/21
Robert Barton	12/31
John Ehrlich Jr	12/31

Happy Anniversary

Ron & Michele Hill	12/20
Bruce & Maggie Fenske	12/29
Pat & Debbie Lamaestra	12/30



BAPTISM



Megan Ehrlich	12/01
Jaiden Williams	12/02
Katherine Seeger	12/06
Tyler Green	12/12
Katie Strom	12/12
Lisa Elam	12/13
Joseph Parker	12/19
Matthew Joynt	12/23
Jennifer Kessler	12/25
Robert Barton	12/31



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

- * **11/29** - 1st Sunday of Advent – 9:00AM Worship Service – 10:30AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
- * **12/2** - Advent Midweek – 6:00PM Soup/Sandwiches – 7:00PM Worship Service
- * **12/6** – 2nd Sunday of Advent – 9:00AM Worship Service – 10:30AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
- * **12/9** - Advent Midweek – 6:00PM Soup/Sandwiches – 7:00PM Worship Service
- * **12/13** - 3rd Sunday of Advent – 9:00AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

Galvary Lutheran Church Council Reports

Board Meetings 6:00P.M. & Council December 8, 2015

If you have a complaint or concern please attend the board meetings so the boards can address the issue.

2015 Contributions	
10/25	\$2,685.00
11/01	\$3,158.00
11/08	\$2,715.00
11/15	\$2,363.00
11/22	\$2,502.00



Avg. \$ per week \$2,684.60

Contribution amount needed per week is **\$3,456.72** to meet current budget.

Parking Lot Fund	
Fund Total as of September	\$7,856.00
August Contributions	\$
Fund Total	\$7,856.00

2015 Contributions & Expenses	
OCTOBER	
GENERAL FUND	
Contributions	\$11,497.33
Expenses	\$15,864.27
Excess/Loss	<\$4,361.94>
YEAR TO DATE	
Contributions	\$111,824.11
Misc Income	\$ 2,215.54
Expenses	\$139,285.44
Excess/Loss	<\$25,245.79>

- * **12/16** - Advent Midweek – 6:00PM Soup/Sandwiches – 7:00PM Worship Service
- * **12/20** - 4th Sunday of Advent – 9:00AM Worship Service – 10:30AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Class



- * **12/24** – Christmas Eve Children’s Program – 6:00PM
- * **12/24**– Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 10:00PM
- * **12/25** – Christmas Day Worship Service – 10:00AM



LWML NEWS

We want to thank Pastor Kessler for his excellent and informative presentation to members of the LWML at their November meeting. He spoke on the life and times of Martin Luther.

The December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3rd, with the program from the children at Precious Treasures singing Christmas carols. They sang for us last year and we enjoyed them very much. Please plan to attend.

Plans are being made for the Twelfth Annual Cookie Walk Sale and First Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 12th, from 9 am to 1 pm. We will be asking all members of the church donate four dozen cookies and bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 11th, from 4 to 6 pm. Cookies will be sold for \$4 per dozen. In addition to our well attended cookie sales, we will have vendors exhibiting their products



both indoors in the Fellowship Hall and outdoors in the parking lot. Vendors will be selling a wide variety of items from beautifully framed photography, wood carvings, garden flags to leather articles. A free petting area will also be available for children which will be provided by Saddles of Joy, Inc. You can also enjoy biscuits and gravy or sausages while you shop. Thirteen days before Christmas - this will be a good time to complete your Christmas shopping!



Upcoming LWML dates:

Saturday, January 16 – Children’s Modeling Show & Tea

Thursday, February 4 – Mug Exchange

Saturday, February 27- Annual Rummage Sale – You can start bringing your items for the rummage sale to the church for donation. Speak to an LWML member to arrange a date and time to bring your items.

Thursday, March 3 - End of season LWML Dinner and Election of Officers.

All women of the Church are LWML members.
Please join us in our activities.

Many blessings.
Jan Stash

STEWARDSHIP BOARD

The Stewardship Board has two fundraising projects during the month of December. The proceeds from these two fundraisers will go to the church treasury.

We are sure that you are aware that our income needs to be increased.

The 1st fund raiser is in conjunction with the Cookie Walk and Christmas Fair, the Stewardship Board will be selling baskets with many significant and fabulous gift

certificate donations. Gift certificates include oil changes, merchandise to dinners and rounds of golf and many more valuable items. Check them out and get your tickets now. You will be able to put your tickets in the container for the basket or baskets that you want to win. They will be on display starting Sunday the November 22nd and tickets available at the Cookie Walk and the winners announced at 1 P.M. that day. Price of the tickets is 1 ticket \$1; 6 tickets \$5; 13 tickets \$10.

A list of donations include the following:

Johnnie Altstatt; Elaine Green; Connie Wubbena

Accurate Automotive

Arizona Western College

Bingham Equip. & New Holland

Bingham Car Quest

Branded Salon & Boutique

Basket Creations and More

Chick-fil-A Yuma

Dog Haus of Yuma

Desert Hills Golf Course of Yuma

Dreams on Paper

Fisher Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram

Goldsboro’s Bakery

Lutes Casino

Key to Your Kitchen (Ferguson’s)

Maggie Fenske

Olive Garden

Planes Trains and Automobiles

Regency Main Street Cinemas

The Patio Restaurant & Bar at the Hills

The Peanut Patch

Tiki Hut Frozen Yogurt Co.

Tour West

Treasures on Main Street

Wild World Zoo and Camel Farm

Yuma Honda

We have received wonderful support from the community including from many of our own church members. Thank you very much for all your time and help to make this event really great! We are asking that you support these businesses that have so generously contributed to the success of our event!

The 2nd fundraiser is a “take-over” at Round Table Pizza on December 15th from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. We will be receiving 25% of the proceeds during that time. This includes

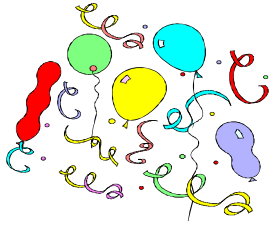


take out so if you don’t care to go out – call in an order. We will also need to have people helping bus tables, serve, pour beverages, greet customers and clean-up. If you are willing to work a shift for this, or need more information; please talk with Connie Wubbena, Wilma Repogle, Jan Stash, Bonnie Reinertson or Betty Stewart. All proceeds will go to the church treasury so we need everyone to get behind this fund raiser. See you there!

The 2015 pledge envelopes are now in your mailbox, be sure to pick them up. Stewardship Sunday will be January 10th. BLESSINGS.



YOUR INVITED TO A PARTY



“HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS”

- * Sunday December 20th Immediately after Church
 - * Cake, Ice Cream, Games, Prizes, and Goody Bags
- Join as we celebrate our Lord’s birth.

If you would like, you may bring an unwrapped gift for Jesus. Items will be donated to New Life Pregnancy Center.

December Mission - Lutheran Bible Translators

LBT is an independent Lutheran mission organization. Lutheran Bible Translators makes God’s Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. God is transforming the lives of people around the world as they read and use His Word in their heart language.

This mission will receive \$500 from Calvary Lutheran Church.

LBT’s Values:

- **God’s Word...** *We are committed to the Word of God in its incarnate, proclaimed and Scriptural forms. We apply God’s Word to our lives, decisions, communication and relationships.*
- **Innovation...** *We accomplish our mission most effectively through creative and discovery-oriented strategies. We encourage innovation and creativity.*
- **Professionalism...** *We strive for excellence and rigorous approaches in all aspects of ministry. We value professional affirmation of our competencies and open evaluation of our work.*
- **Dialogue...** *We are committed to authentic internal and external relationships. We strive to exhibit mutual accountability, transparency, collaboration, and interdependency in a spirit that is both respectful and compassionate.*
- **Cultural Sensitivity...** *We recognize cultural differences in values, learning styles and relationship dynamics. We account for cultural differences in our interaction with people of differing backgrounds and generations.*
- **Fiscal Responsibility...** *We are committed to the principles of Biblical Stewardship, accountability, and transparency. We handle financial resources according to best practices and high ethical standards. (information from us.lbt.org)*

Mission Board ~ Nancy Heredia, Paula Backs, Diane Schauer

In May of this year a Steering Committee set up by the Church Council consisting of the Vice President as chair and all the chairmen of the boards, met to find a direction for Calvary Lutheran Church. A direction to bring relevance to Calvary in the Pacific Southwest District and the Synod; to encourage new membership; to attract young adults; to get involved in the Yuma community.

As the committee discussed many ideas, one shined through; a campus ministry at Yuma’s own Arizona Western College. Starting a campus ministry it was felt by the committee would bring all the above to light. In the world’s changing environment students now more than ever need to hear the Word of God, they need a place to go and someone to talk to off and on. Someone to encourage them through the on rush of sin and turmoil they see and hear every day.

Just as Calvary came together and supported the Vicarage program for more than a decade, the Steering Committee will present the AWC Campus Ministry to the Voter’s Assembly to vote on adopting this ministry as a Calvary mission. The purpose of this ministry is to support Christian and Non-Christian students as they enter the next phase of their life and head off alone to college. They will be faced with many challenges to their biblical worldview, doctrine, ethics and practices. It is our hope that we can help support and shape these young men and women during a time of great personal growth. We will accomplish this mission by conducting weekly Bible studies, have church members prepare meals and mentor students. The weekly meeting will be open to not only students but also the staff and faculty of the college and to members of our congregation who wish to help and grow in their spiritual awareness. The exact location and times are to be determined and will be announced to the congregation when finalized.

As this mission grows we can apply to AWC and LCMS-U for a logo in the AWC colors. Long term goal is to have a place off campus, in walking distance from the campus for the students, faculty and congregational members to attend Bible class and eventually a worship service.



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING September 8TH, 2015

PRESENT: Maggie Fenske, Bruce Fenske, Pastor Kessler, Lisa Elam, Johnnie Altstatt, Nancy Heredia, Pat Lamaestra, Mike Ehrlich, Janet Ehrlich. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with an opening prayer by Pastor Kessler.

MINUTES- Bruce motioned to accept the minutes with 2 spelling corrections. Janet 2nd. Motion passed.

TREASURERS- Bruce motioned to accept the report. Nancy 2nd. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT- No report

VICE PRESIDENT- No report

SECRETARY- No report

TREASURER- Johnnie will make budget worksheets for each board.

PASTOR- July/August

Wrote and preached 9 sermons – Led 9 Sunday morning worship services

Led 9 Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes on Joel & Amos

Sunday morning worship attendance for the month of July & August is as follows:

	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	2015	2014	2013	2012	
a.	7/5	Sunday	45	55	50	81(28 Shepherds)43	
b.	7/12	Sunday	43	51	56	17	86
c.	7/19	Sunday	43	38	45	82	75
d.	7/26	Sunday	44	40	69	78	57
e.	8/2	Sunday	55	50	65	0	128
f.	8/9	Sunday	41	70	72	87	93
g.	8/16	Sunday	55	69	68	85	86
h.	8/23	Sunday	41	62	57	56	91
i.	8/30	Sunday	67	63	67	83	63

Led 8 Bible classes at Emerald Springs. Visited with 2 new visitors to Emerald Springs Bible Class

Led 7 Saturday morning Bible classes at Goldsboro Bakery – Led 1 Bible class in Ed Building. On vacation from July 20th – 25th

Visited Crossroads Mission and met with assistant executive director, Gordon Block.

Assisted young lady in the preparation of resume. Attended Elders meeting July 10th

Attended “All Boards” and “Church Council” meetings on July 14th and August 11th

Made 4 hospital visits. Met with Pat Lamaestra twice and Mel Parker and Pat Lamaestra once together regarding campus ministry start at AWC. Spoke with Rev. Farrow from ASU campus ministry regarding campus ministry start in Yuma

Contacted county jail to begin process to be approved to visit people in the jail if requested

Spoke with Joanne San Nicholas regarding the well-being of her mother after surgery and she informed me that Joanne and her family have moved back to Idaho so she can care for her parents. Her husband, Matt, is still stationed at MCAS until November 2016

Had 10 visits with various members of Calvary. No baptisms. No weddings. No funerals.

He has been asked to preach at crossroads mission. We will have a guest pastor from Phoenix Sept. 20th as Pastor Kessler will be on vacation.

ELDERS-They discussed the AWC ministry and have finished collecting the parish nurse survey. It now needs to be compiled. Discussed adjusting the agenda at the council and voter meetings to move the financial report from the officer’s reports to the end of the meeting as they feel decisions should be made by Churches needs and not by the Churches finances. Bruce motioned for item to be voted on. Johnnie 2nd the motion. After much discussion on the pros/cons of the motion, Pat moved to table the motion until next meeting. Janet 2nd. Motion passed.

MISSION- They talked about moving the fall BBQ from Nov 14th to Nov 8th so more people from Church would attend. But decided on keeping it on the 14th.

STEWARDSHIP- None

TRUSTEES- We had ballasts and lightbulbs that were out of date. APS had a program that paid for half of the retrofitting making the lighting much more energy efficient. APS came in for 2 days and did all the work for a cost to us of \$1600. Milton is reviewing the contract for the tower. It is a 30 year contract. Once it is signed they will pay us one month’s payment but probably will not start construction until after the New Year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Crosses are up and the grass has been removed in the memorial garden

NEW BUSINESS- We needs a nominating committee. It is traditionally run by the vice president. Pat and Janet will be running the committee.

Janet moved to adjourn the meeting. Nancy 2nd. Closed at 8:05 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer.

Calvary Lutheran Church
Council minutes 10/13/15

In attendance Bruce Fenske, Donna Fairchild, Nancy Heredia, Wilma Replogle, Connie Wubbena, Janet Ehrlich, Johnnie Altstatt, Pat Lamaestra, Mike Ehrlich. Meeting opened with Prayer by Pastor Kessler at 6:59pm.

Bruce asked to add missing item to agenda under unfinished business.

Bruce moved to approve the minutes, second by Janet, passed.

Johnnie presented the Treasurer report. She pointed out that the Memorial Garden financial amount has been listed under restricted funds on the report. Bruce moved to approve the Treasurer report, second by Nancy, passed.

President Mike Ehrlich informed the council of an error at the Voter’s Assembly regarding returning voters. These returning voters were not voted back in. Since they were in attendance they will be voted back in separate from other returning voters next meeting, with voting rights for that meeting.

♦ President went over By-Laws Section VI; A1, as to who is a member of the Church Council. It includes Officers, Board chairs, Pastor. Allowing one vote per chair, even if a co-chair is present, and allowing the Pastor a vote.

Vice President Pat Lameastra mentioned he knows how many members each Board must have according to the By-Laws, but would like to know from the Chairmen how many they would like to sit on their board. Each Board Chairman gave him their ideal number.

Treasurer Johnnie reported that she handed out the budget worksheet last meeting and needs them back ASAP, she has received all but 2 so far.

Secretary Lisa not present. Janet requested to take minutes by the President. (that darn husband)

Pastor Report

1. Wrote 4 sermons and preached 3 sermons – Led 3 Sunday morning worship services
2. Led 2 Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes
3. Sunday morning worship attendance for the month of July is as follows:

	DATE	DAY of WEEK	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
a.	9/ 6/15	Sunday	43	66	67	73/10	80/13
b.	9/13/15	Sunday	56	52	66	72/6	86/12
c.	9/20/15	Sunday	32	46	65	73/11	83/7
d.	9/27/15	Sunday	44	60	65	75/7	94/6

4. Led 3 Wednesday morning Bible classes.
5. Led 4 Bible classes at Emerald Springs
6. Led 3 Saturday morning Bible classes at Goldsboro Bakery
7. On vacation from September 18th – 20th
8. Attended LWML meeting-September 3rd.
9. Entertained 10 visits with various members
10. Attended LWML Zone planning meeting September 12th and led devotion
11. Attended Circuit meeting which was held at Calvary Lutheran Church September 15th
12. Attended Thrivent luncheon September 16th
13. Requested compensation for special musician who played September 20th while organist away
14. Attended Elders meeting September 4th.
15. Attended “All Boards” and “Church Council” meetings on September 8th.
16. Attended voters meeting September 27th
17. Made 1 hospital visit .
18. No baptisms.
19. No weddings.
20. No funerals

Elder Chairman Bruce reported they received back their survey with good results.

Mission Chairman Nancy reported no members were in attendance tonight, so there was no meeting. She asked the Council what they thought of a Birthday for Jesus in December as a fund raiser for New Life Pregnancy center. Council responded that it was up to her board to make the decision.

Nancy reported there would be no Thanksgiving Dinner this year.

Education Chairman Donna reported the board will be meeting on Sunday after Church over in the office.

Stewardship Chairman Connie reported that they are deciding on a fund raiser to help with the Church’s financials.

Trustee Chairman Janet reported they are doing minor little fixes as they arise. She mentioned the City of Yuma is doing a Main Sewer Pipe replacement between 6th Ave & 7th Ave alley to Ave A. So the church property could be without sewer facilities. Someone will be attending the City of Yuma meeting to find out how we will be affected.

Pat reported on the unfinished business of the Memorial Garden. It is coming along. The bench and sundial are ready and will be installed this month. Once it is completed a dedication date and service will be decided. He is still waiting on the landscaper to find out about faux grass.

Pat also reported on the unfinished business of the Campus Ministry. He has obtained the prices to rent a room on campus. Wednesday evenings has been chosen for next semester, and the grant will be filed this month. Council pointed out that doing the Bible class on Wednesday will conflict with Advent this year and Lent. May need to change the day.

Pastor mentioned the unfinished business of the tabled item of moving the financial report to the end of the meeting. It was further discussed with no resolution.

President Mike brought up the new business of setting the next Voter’s Assembly dates. December 13, 2015 is set to vote in new officers and board members and present the budget. January 10, 2016 is set to vote on the budget.

Nancy asked for the good of the order when a planning meeting is being thought about. It was said that it would be next year and up to next year’s Council.

Janet motioned to adjourn, second by Connie, passed. Prayer by Pastor. Taken and submitted by Janet Ehrlich at the President’s direction.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING November 10, 2015

PRESENT: Mike Ehrlich, Janet Ehrlich, Lisa Elam, Pastor Kessler, Bruce Fenske, Maggie Fenske, Nancy Heredia, Johnnie Altstatt, Connie Wubbena, Wilma Replogle. The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. with an opening prayer by Pastor Kessler.

MINUTES- The minutes were amended to read that Johnnie needed 2 more budget worksheets from boards, not that she had received 2. Bruce motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Mike 2nd. Motion passed.

TREASURER- Bruce motioned to accept the report, Nancy 2nd. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT- We received letters to nominate for district and national officers if we choose. It was discussed and we will not nominate anyone. Also adult probation recently did isolation drill training in the parish hall and parson house. The vice president is working on the nominating committee and nominees for councils and officers.

VICE PRESIDENT- absent; **SECRETARY-** No report; **TREASURER-** No report

PASTOR- Preached 4 Sermons –Led 4 Worship Services. Led 4 Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes

Led 4 Bible Classes at Emerald Springs. Led 5 Saturday Morning Bible Classes. Led 4 Wednesday morning Bible Classes. Led 3 Confirmation classes.

Attended Circuit Forum at Christ Lutheran Church – October 4, 2015. Attended “All Boards” Meeting and “Church Council” Meetings – October 13, 2015. Attended “Elders” Meeting – October 9, 2015.

Attended LWML Zone Fall Celebration in Holtville, CA – October 24, 2015

1 Baptism: Penelope Finn Backs – Daughter of Shawn & Aja Backs. No Weddings. No Funerals

ELDERS-They are working on the parish nurse survey. The results so far don’t seem to support the need for a nurse. They would like to educate the congregation about the parish nurse and to put a place holder in the 2016 budget for it.

MISSIONS-Last Sunday some of the children and teens went and hug 65 door hangers around the neighborhood. Janet said there should have been more adult supervision than there was as not all areas are safe. There will be a birthday party for Jesus Dec. 20th. People are encouraged to bring items for the pregnancy center.

EDUCATION- They are in the process of planning the children’s Christmas program. It will start at 6:00 on Dec 24th. KIC will start up again in January.

STEWARDSHIP- Putting together 2 fundraisers for the general treasury. The 1st is in conjunction with the LWML cookie walk Dec 12th, 9-12. There will be vendors and a small petting zoo, also will be a raffle type drawing for gift baskets with that money going to the Church treasury. The vendors there will pay \$10 for their space. That money also goes to the treasury. 2nd Round table pizza has a fundraiser in which 25% of the sales go to the organization. We have booked one for Dec 15th from 5-8. The money will go to the treasury. We will need to have 6 people there to help at all times.

TRUSTEES- AT&T tower is moving forward. The contract will be signed again this week. The previous contract was missing a page so it needed to be resigned with all papers attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- We are working on getting artificial grass for the memorial garden.

AWC/NAU campus ministry recommended by the steering committee needs to come before the voter; the council needs to vote that it supports the program and to say yes on the program before the voters meeting. The treasurer will then have to add a line item to the budget. We have applied for a \$25,000 grant; which if it is granted will be restricted money and a separate fund will have to be established. Connie motioned that the Church council supports the AWC/NAU campus ministry program. Johnnie 2nd. Motion passed. A question was asked that if the grant money is received, does it have to be spent within a certain amount of time. Pastor says no, it does not but we have to report how the money is being spent.

The next voters meeting are Dec 13th to present the 2016 budget. It will be after Church with a pancake breakfast. We will vote on the budget Jan 10th.

NEW BUSINESS- The trustees have appointed Milton Euhus to be the representative for the AT&T tower. However to avoid any future problems the council needs to officially nominate and vote him as the representative. Janet motioned that the Church Council nominate Milton Euhus as our official representative with the authority to sign any contracts now and in the future in regards to the tower. Connie 2nd. Motion passed.

BUDGET- the 2016 proposed budget was handed out. We will be adding \$3400 for the AWC/NAU campus ministry. It was suggested to remove assistance fund and Misc. expense as they are not budget items. There was discussion on how the mission board has their budget listed. Janet suggested it should be shortened to maybe 3 line items instead of each mission fund itemized because if the budget is approved by the voter’s the money can only be given to those items and an account will have to be set up per line item. It will be discussed and voted on the Dec 8th meeting.

Connie motioned to adjourn meeting. Pastor 2nd. Closed the meeting at 8:35 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer



**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

It is that time of the year again. Our very own V.P. Pat Lamaestra will be contacting many people to serve

Calvary Lutheran Church.

It is the individual congregation member’s stewardship that keeps Calvary Lutheran Church alive and active.

We all have a talent or a knack that can help assist in the operations of the church. Though the back end or business end of the church seems dreary and often unpleasant there is still comradery among those that serve.

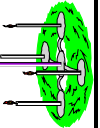
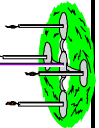

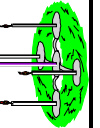



Please prayerfully consider serving on a church board and or as an officer.

President -
Vice President -
Secretary—Lisa Elam

Board of Education
Board of Missions
Board of Stewardship
Board of Trustees—Janet Ehrlich
Board of Elders

Contact Pat Lamaestra with your intent to serve.
Officers serve 1 yr. All board members serve 3yrs.

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 11:00 AM-Bible Study 04:00 PM-Confirmation class 06:00 PM-Meal 07:00 PM-Advent Service 	3 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs 07:00 PM-LWML meeting	4 4:00pm Elders meeting	5 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
6 09:00 AM-Communion Ser- vice 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes	7	8 06:00 PM-Board Meetings 07:00 PM-Council	9 11:00 AM-Bible Study 04:00 PM-Confirmation class 06:00 PM-Meal 07:00 PM-Advent Service 	10 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs	11 03:00 PM-LWML cookie setup	12 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro 09:00 AM-LWML Cookie Walk 9:00AM-Bazzar 
13 09:00 AM-Communion Ser- vice 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes 10:30 AM-Voter's Assembly	14	15 Newsletter Articles due 05:00 PM-Round Table Pizza Take Over	16 11:00 AM-Bible Study 04:00 PM-Confirmation class 06:00 PM-Meal 07:00 PM-Advent Service 	17 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs	18	19 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro 
20 08:00 AM-Worship Service 08:00 AM-Birthday for Jesus 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes 04:00 PM-KIC	21	22	23 11:00 AM-Bible Study 04:00 PM-Confirmation class	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 07:00 PM-Christmas Eve Service 	25 CHRISTMAS 10:00 AM-Christmas Day Service 	26 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
27 09:00 AM-Communion Ser- vice 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes	28	29	30 11:00 AM-Bible Study 04:00 PM-Confirmation class	31 New Years Eve 