

# Catchall

OCTOBER  
2014



## Calvary Free Lutheran Church

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### From The Pastor's Desk: **"A Time Of Transition"**

*"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (Hebrews 10:24&25, ESV)."*

Have you ever been in a situation where everyone wants to talk about the "elephant in the room," but no one does? The transition that is upon us could easily become one such topic. Praying and looking for a new pastor can sometimes cause complacency and a tendency to throw in the towel. Nevertheless, other times it can be a time of growth and renewal for passionately pursuing the Lord's calling. I pray this is the case here at Calvary Free.

Look at all that the Lord has accomplished through this congregation over that last five years.

Almost 100 new members have joined Calvary, not to mention all the family growth and baptisms. This congregation is growing both physically and spiritually and it is your (the congregation's) responsibility to keep that momentum going through prayer, fellowship, encouragement and Biblical leadership.

All of these things are vital for growing and maintaining the spiritual health of the congregation. Some have a tendency to back off when a pastor leaves, but I'm encouraging you to step up and dig in. I believe with all my heart that if this congregation works together in the power of God's grace in unity, both the momentum and the growth will continue.

There are some of you who have never considered yourselves as leaders that God is calling to do just that. I want to remind you what Scripture states, "For all things are possible with God." If Calvary Free

remains united in the call of God to this congregation, great and wonderful things will continue and allow God to do something wonderful in this time of transition. It would also go a long way in ministering to this community that Calvary Free is a congregation that does not back down from a challenge.

All this is from Christ, because apart from Christ... we can do nothing. Lean on the grace, mercy and wisdom of God during this transitional time. Allow God to speak to and through you in a manner He never has before. Don't give up, never give up! Always look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith and watch Him provide the multiplication (Matthew 14:13-21). Even a little, genuinely offered in the name of Christ, can yield remarkable results as we continually place our trust in Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

~With Love, Pastor Brian Ricke

## **Congregational Meeting for Electing a Call Committee.**

September 28, 2014

Joel Schneider called the meeting to order and led with scripture and prayer.

Joel read articles of the church constitution pertaining to call committee and the process moving forward. Joel Schneider, Brad Folsland, Bud Anderson, Larry Groom, Heidi Spilde, David St. John, Bill Buck, Dan Kleinjan, Jesse Spilde, Jan Mobley, Paul Danielson and Shirley Knutson were nominated. Motion was made for nominations to cease by Linda Buck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Barker. The 5 selected were Joel Schneider, Larry Groom, Bill Buck, Jan Mobley and Paul Danielson.

Motion to adjourn by Bud Anderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Grebel.

Secretary: Joe Spilde



**God our Savior...  
desires everyone  
to be saved  
and to come to  
the knowledge  
of the truth.**

**1 Timothy 2:3-4**

# **An Update from the Voice of Martyrs**

## **Nigeria: Habila Shot for Refusing to Deny Jesus**

The pounding on the door was followed by the sound of men yelling for Habila to come out with his family. Habila rushed to get dressed. When he entered the front room with his wife, Vivian, and their young son close behind, he faced intruders wearing robes and masks. One was armed with an AK-47. Habila said a short prayer to the Lord.

After announcing that they were there to do the work of Allah, the men began to question Habila. They asked him his name, his profession, whether he was a policeman or in the military, and whether he was a Christian or Muslim.

"I am a Christian," he replied.

Vivian was terrified, knowing the men were members of Boko Haram.

The intruders told Habila that they were giving him the opportunity to live—and live a better life—if he would only become a Muslim and say the shahada [Islamic profession of faith that includes, "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger"]. They even asked him to join them as a member of Boko Haram.

All the while, Habila was prepared to die. "I am a Christian and will always remain a Christian," he replied, "even to death."  
(The website has the full interview with Habila.)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9:00 am Prayer 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm-Bible Study	6 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	7 7:00 pm WMF (women's) Bible Study Meeting	8 4:30- 1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION 6:30- 2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION	9 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting 8:00pm Full Council	10	11 5:30pm -Family Bible Study
12 9:00 am Prayer 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship	13	14	15 4:30- 1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION 6:30- 2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION	16 9:30am -Quilting!	17	18
19 9:00 am Prayer 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship	20 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	21	22 4:30- 1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION 6:30- 2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION	23	24	25
26 99:00 am Prayer 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship	27	28	29 4:30- 1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION 6:30- 2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION	30	31	



## CFLC CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

The CFLC council met on 9/11/2014. Joel Schneider called the meeting to order and led with scripture and prayer.

Present: Joel Schneider, Larry Groom, Alan Boyd, Brian Ricke, Paul Danielson, Dan Kleinjan, Marty Haufschild, Mike Barker, Joe Spilde and Jody Weiss.

### SECRETARY REPORT:

The minutes from last month's meeting were read.

Motion made to approve minutes as is by M. Haufschild, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Danielson, motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report was given by Marty Haufschild.

Total funds for the month of August = \$39,535.49, General Fund Balance = \$26,041.74.

Motion made to approve by D. Kleinjan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Weiss, motion carried.

### TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Swedes Electric was contacted for new lights.

### DEACON'S REPORT:

Congregational meeting will be on 10/5/2014 to select a call committee.

### PASTOR'S REPORT:

Brian has accepted the call and will be done November 30, 2014. Brian asks that any questions about the call be directed to him. God's not Dead movie has been changed to Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Allen and Bev Nelson left to get chairs. Council members will meet this Saturday to unload chairs, mow and do yard work. Marty informed the council on where offerings are disbursed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Hearing aid options were discussed and motion was made to purchase hearing assistance pack of 4 for \$299 by L. Groom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Weiss, motion carried.

Brian will select and train members to run the sound system.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by M. Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Danielson, motion carried.

Brian closed in prayer.

Secretary: Joe Spilde



“Iranian Christian,” by Nasser Lofti, the new book in the library, relates the incredible experiences of a former Moslem and explains why the Islamic world is so hostile to the Christian West.

The author says the Koran contains 114 sutras, or chapters, and was revealed only to Mohammed, Allah’s prophet. He verbally related the revelations to his followers who wrote down what he said on stone, leather, and other materials.

## Lines from the LIBRARY

The scattered written fragments of the Koran were first collected by Mohammed’s immediate successor, Abu Bakr, shortly after the prophet’s death. More than 40 inspired writers were involved in recording God’s word in the 66 books of the Bible, with its 1189 chapters. Although the writers of the New Testament did not put it in writing until about 40 to 60 years after Jesus’ death, their accounts came directly from eyewitness accounts of Jesus’ life on the earth. Their accounts differ somewhat, but the most important truths do not vary at all. Obviously, the new Testament can easily withstand the test of historical authenticity.

The Moslem religion is sadly lacking in the gentle comfort of love which permeates the hearts of Christians. Fear, not love, seems to be the motivating force in Islam. Allah is never projected as a loving Father and fear of Allah’s wrath overcomes any ideas of love. The Bible, like the Koran, teaches submission to the will of God. But it teaches submission through understanding love rather than through fear. Christians are instructed to do good to all men and to serve God out of love for Him and for His Son.

As early as possible, children are taught to testify to the deity of the one God, Allah, and to Mohammed, the prophet of Allah. These little ones are taught to hate and despise any and all other religious sects in the world while great pride for their own belief is instilled in their minds. At age five, children enter religious schools and are taught to write the 99 names of God and other words from the Koran. As they learn to read and write, they commit much of the Koran to memory. The Koran clearly states in several places that Moslems should not become friends with Christians and Jews (Sura 5:51;60:13). Those who do befriend Jews and Christians incur the wrath of Allah and will endure eternal torment (Sura 5:81).

The most important element of the Moslem view of Christianity is that the Bible lacks authenticity. The Koran is the only book of authentic revealed scripture. The Christian knows that the New Testament was not written before Jesus’ death because people followed the oral tradition of teaching during that time period. It was only after the message began to spread to other countries that three men, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, decided to write down the eyewitness accounts of Christ’s life. (and much more)

It is unfortunate that Moslems have been so intent on denying Christian belief concerning Jesus Christ they have overlooked much written, historical evidence of Jesus’ crucifixion and subsequent resurrection.

Annon: Prayer is so simple. It is like quietly opening the door and slipping into the very presence of God. There in the stillness to listen to His voice; perhaps to petition or only to listen. It matters not; just to be there in His presence is prayer.

-Ferne Liebsch

BIRTHDAYS



& ANNIVERSARIES

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Diane Schuchkardt	10-2
Dennis Jorenby	10-9
Heather Asmussen	10-10
Haley Hillestad	10-10
Marty Haufschild	10-11
Michael Barker	10-13
Mark Hope	10-15
Jodi Hope	10-17
Triston Hoff	10-17
Samuel Ricke	10-18
Mathew Smith	10-18
Paul Danielson	10-24
Sarah Weiss	10-26
Marcie Folsland	10-27
Aaron Leighton	10-29
Melvin Johnson	10-30

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jesse & Holli Spilde	10-1-2005
Paul & Marlene Dyrdaahl	10-10-2009
Sherwood & Rhonda Gross	10-11-1986
Will & Kelly Moffitt	10-25-1997
Mike & Barb Henderson	10-28-2000
Gerald & Kaye Moe	10-29-1957

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please let us know so that we can celebrate your special day with you!*



# Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time is **November 2nd**

## Area Bible Studies

Please call or email for more information.

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### Arlington

Wed. 8:30 p.m.  
At Calvary Free  
Larry- 605-983-3316

### Lake Preston

Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Jan-605-847-4700

### Oldham

Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Joel- 605-482-8404

### Brookings

Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Bob- 605-693-4668

### Family Bible Studies

Friday 6:30 p.m.  
Elizabeth- 605-983-5098

### Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Jesse or Holli Spilde  
530-5424 or 230-1052

## Get Plugged In!!

### Missionary Focus for the Month:

Pastor Jonathan and Tamba and their children, April, Thomas and Michelle began serving AFLC World Missions in Brazil in April of 1992. Both Jonathan and Tamba grew up in Brazil, speak Portuguese, and have the necessary visas to live there. They are starting a new work in the city of Maringa. Maringa is about an hour drive from our seminary and Bible school in Campo Mourao, where Jonathan also teaches on a regular basis. The church in Maringa has been meeting in the Abel's home, but as it grows a new meeting place will need to be found. Recently the Maringa group has purchased a piece of property and are planning a new church building for the site.

Prayer Concerns: Wisdom as we begin this new work in Maringa, Health and safety as we work and travel, Provision for a new church building, The work with the Brazilian Ambassador magazine, For April and Thomas in the US., Wisdom in working with the national people and leadership



**Missionary Focus for October**  
~Pastor Jonathan & Tamba Abels and family~

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