

Tourists of Faith

Pastor Phil Holtan

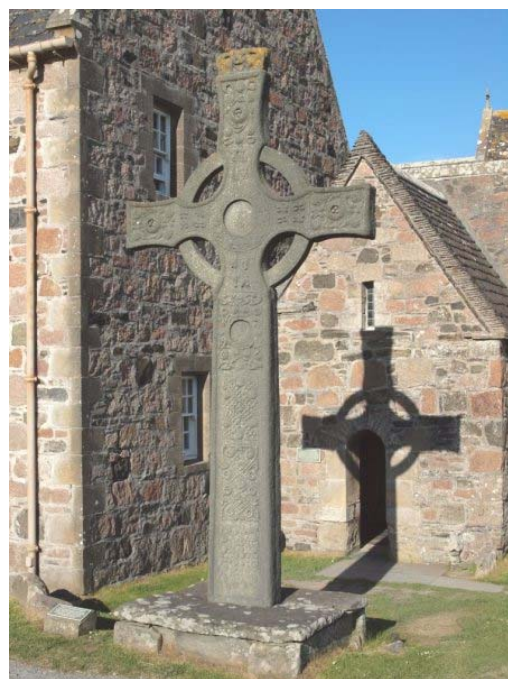
Just a few weeks ago, Merrie Sue, our daughter Johanna, and I made a three day trip from Edinburgh, Scotland to a remote island off the west coast of Scotland. It's called Iona, and it is where the first Christian church in Scotland was built by St. Columba in the 7th century. Today it is again a site for both tourists who seek the natural beauty of the area and many who come to have an experience of faith there.

Merrie Sue and I were there in Scotland to visit our daughter as part of a 3 1/2 week trip to Italy and Scotland to visit our two daughters. We knew we wanted to visit Iona because we had heard about it for years. Since the 1930's, a group called the Iona Community has been using Iona as a base of operations to revitalize the Church of Scotland and beyond. I knew I wanted to find out more about them in order to use some of their worship materials, especially for our Wednesday night worship. The Wild Goose Resource Group publishes worship materials from Iona and Glasgow that are both traditional and innovative. The use of language is very fresh and strong. Religious life in Europe is sadly weak in some ways but has pockets that are remarkable.

High points of the stay were meeting other Christians from all over the United Kingdom and Europe, enjoying the art and history of faith visible all around the Iona Abbey, learning more about Celtic spirituality that Iona represents, and enjoying an adventure in faith as a family. You can find out more at <http://www.iona.org.uk/>.

Top Right
Pilgrims approaching the 12th Century Iona Abbey

Bottom Right
Celtic stone crosses carved at Iona that marked the entrance of Christianity into the British Isles.



Birth

Congratulations to Brent & Sara Hanson on the birth of a daughter, Quinn Sara, on Thursday, June 10. Quinn's grandmother is Pam Hanson.

Baptisms

William Carlyle Wear was baptized at Calvary Sunday, May 30. Sponsors are Chris & Nicole Wear, Laura Nyhus and Greg Meyer. Parents are Eric Wear and Sarah (Nyhus) Wear. Pastor John Krueger officiated.

Timothy and Lynn Hesby and their children Carson and Ella were baptized at Calvary Sunday, June 27. Sponsors are David & Amanda Bush.

Marriage

Congratulations to Ben Buchin and Hannah Dockter who were married Saturday, June 5 at Calvary, Pastor George Buchin officiating.

Condolences to family and friends of:

Kathy Thompson, who passed away Wednesday, June 2. Kathy's funeral was held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Kathy is the wife of Carl Thompson and sister of Sue Hansen.

Peggy Avelsgaard, who passed away Saturday, June 5, Her funeral was held at Calvary on Thursday, June 10. Peggy is the wife of Mike Avelsgaard and the mother of Christina Eilertson.

Everett Colby, who passed away Wednesday, June 16. His funeral was held at Calvary Saturday, June 19. Everett is the husband of Marilyn Colby.

Hoedown to Heaven July 24!

On Saturday, July 24, be sure to join your Calvary friends at the "Hoedown to Heaven"! This old-fashioned, country-themed event takes place from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. right in front of the church building.

The Hoedown features activities for people of all ages, including music, food, games, and a chance to see the work of Calvary's artisans. There's no charge for the event, but a free will donation is appreciated.

The event features Turkey Sandwich Picnic Dinner, Calvary Artisans' Festival, "Basket Social" Silent Auction, and Games. Funds raised from the Basket Social and Artisans Festival will be donated to community needs.

Ongoing events will include Bingo and Face Painting.

Scheduled events are a Tug O War, Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest, Three Legged Race, Straw Dig for coins, and a Pinata.

At 6:00 p.m. music begins by the Great Adventure Gospel Band.

After the event concludes at 7:00 p.m., there will be a rehearsal for all interested in singing in the Reunion Choir, which will sing at both services on Sunday.



Jubilee Weekend News

Hear Former Pastors Bill Reck and Dick Kennedy Speak on July 25

Our Jubilee Celebration Weekend will culminate with our Celebration Worship services and our Celebration Dinner on Sunday, July 25. These two events will feature two of Calvary's former pastors, Rev. Bill Reck and Rev. Dick Kennedy. The Celebration Worship services on Sunday will be an exciting time to reflect on Calvary's first 50 years and celebrate the work Christ has done through Calvary's members. Rev. Bill Reck, Calvary's pastor from 1977 to 1987, will preach the sermon and will speak at the between-services forum. The celebration services will also include a choir anthem by the reunion choir and a time to honor those who have served Calvary as worship leaders: former and present organists, choir directors, praise team members, and Sunday School superintendents. Be sure to worship (and celebrate!) with us that day!

Then, at noon, we will gather for our Celebration Dinner. Rev. Dick Kennedy, who served Calvary from 1995 to 2003, will be the emcee of the program and serve as our featured speaker. The program will also include music, "highlights" from Calvary's history, and a time to honor those who served in leadership positions throughout Calvary's 50 years, including past and present staff members and past and present congregational presidents. Not only will we have a great speaker and an exciting celebration of our history, but we will also enjoy a great meal! Please purchase your tickets for the dinner in advance. Tickets are \$10 and are available through the church office and on Sundays between services through July 18.

Help Needed for Jubilee Hoedown to Heaven!

We need some help for our Hoedown to Heaven. Please look at the list of needs below and see what you can help us with:

A Pan of Bars. We'd like to be able to put some delicious, homemade bars on the plates of our picnic dinner at the Hoedown. Please let the church office know if you can bring some bars, then bring them in by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 24.

Assistants for Games. We need people to help with the games at the Hoedown to Heaven. We need Bingo callers, face painters, and other game assistants. Call Linda Mickelson (346-7737) to offer your help.

Artisans. If you are an artisan who does woodworking, sculpting, stained glass, quilting, etc., and would like to be part of the Artisans' Festival at the Hoedown to Heaven, please contact David Erickson (346-2620).

A Basket of "Your Specialty." If you have a "specialty" (i.e. canning, baking, hand-sewn items, needlework, homemade cards, etc.), put a few of these items in a basket for our "Basket Social" at the Hoedown. The "basket social" will be a silent auction, and will go from 4 to 7 that day. Bring your basket into the church office as soon as you get it assembled.

Spare Baskets for the Basket Social. Perhaps you don't have a "specialty", but you have some extra baskets in your storeroom. You can help us out by bringing in these baskets for others to put their specialties into. You can drop baskets off in the church office.

Singers for the Reunion Choir. If you have ever sung in the Calvary Choir (or would like to!), we'd love to have you sing in our Reunion Choir! The choir will sing at both services on Celebration Sunday – July 25, and will rehearse the night before at 7:00 p.m. Add your voice to our Jubilee Celebration!

Moses and the Red Sea

Tracy Bieger, Education Coordinator

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

But does that mean we don't believe them? Of course not, we love these stories and cherish them.

"Well Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

His mother asked, "Now Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?"

"Well, no Mom. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

If there's one thing I've learned as a Christian, it is that it's okay to admit the stories from the Bible can seem unbelievable, even downright crazy.



They give us hope and comfort, and help us show others that our belief in something good can transcend human logic.

This is why we hear pastors say at the end of the sermon, "May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Sometimes it's hard when reading them to look beyond the absurd, the bloodshed, or

God's wrath, but we should view these stories as good, even the "crazy" ones. Adam and Eve, Noah, Moses, Jonah, etc., because they all point us to Jesus.

He's there in the Old Testament, too; He didn't just drop out of heaven into Bethlehem.

Youth & Family Happenings at Calvary

Special Olympics Send-Off for Brandi Nelson

Brandi Nelson, 16, daughter of Kermit and Lori Nelson, will be competing in the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games this month in Lincoln Nebraska. The Aster Cottage is hosting a Celebration Send-Off during coffee fellowship Sunday July 11th. Please come to give Brandi best wishes and a real Calvary send-off.

Over 13,000 athletes are expected to compete in 13 sporting events July 18-23rd. Brandi is one of only two girls representing Minnesota in the gymnastics competitions. She will be competing in four routines.

The first Special Olympics summer games were held in Chicago in 1968. Eunice Kennedy Shriver, sister of President Kennedy spear-headed this event after hosting Camp Shriver in 1962, a day camp at her home in Illinois, for persons with intellectual disabilities. The Kennedy siblings were particularly motivated to promote this event as they had a sister with these disabilities. See www.2010specialolympics.org. And, we'll see you in the fellowship hall July 11 for Brandi's send-off.



Youth Service Trip. July 11-14, youth in grades 7 to 12 will go to Minneapolis for a service oriented trip. For more information contact Rob McNair.

Jubilee Tug of War on July 24! Come on, youth! Show us what you've got! Get your teams together now for the Tug-O-War that will take place at the Hoedown to Heaven! Think you and your friends can beat those upper classmen? Challenge them to a tug-o-war! Girls, think you could beat the guys in a tug-o-war? Make your point by beating them in the Calvary tug-o-war!

Family teams welcome as well. Get your teams together now! Sign up in the church office!

Want a fun event for the whole family? Join us for the "Hoedown to Heaven" on Saturday, July 24, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event features a turkey sandwich picnic meal, games for all ages, an artisans' festival, a basket social, and a concert by the Great Adventure Gospel Band. It will be great fun – and it's free! A free will offering will be most appreciated.

Get the Inside Scoop on Calvary's History!

Many of Calvary's members have been interviewed about their involvement in Calvary's history (and present!). These interviews are fascinating to watch and listen to! You can see these for yourself by going to the website at www.calvaryperham.com and clicking on the Oral Histories link. The Calvary History Book will take you from Calvary's roots into the present with pictures, illustrations and quotations from some of our pastors along the way. Copies are \$9 and are available in the fellowship hall between services or in the office.

Breakfast Benefit

Benefit for Bill Anderson Sunday, July 18, 9 AM to 12 PM in the Calvary Fellowship Hall. Thrivent funds have been applied for. Proceeds will offset medical expenses.

Thank You

The family of Everett Colby who passed away quietly at home with Hospice of the Red River Valley, family and friends, on Wednesday, June 16, would like to thank our Calvary family for everything. You were great and Pastor Phil was awesome starting on October 28 when Ev's illness was found. Everyone was totally impressed and pleased with both services and the lunch.

Good News!

The Roble family went to Mayo Clinic in Rochester June 1 where Jacob saw the Transplant Team. All his lab work came out beautifully. The team was extremely pleased with Jacob's progress and said he doesn't need to come back for a year.

Women's Happenings at Calvary

The dust has settled. Calvary is back to normal after the flurry of hosting 150 ELCA Women of Northwestern Minnesota for two days. Twenty-two Calvary women registered for the convention and some of our women didn't attend, but worked to make the event a success. The list of those to thank is a long one, but they deserve recognition for a job well done. Committee leaders: Anita Blesi, Glory Harwood, Linda Legreid, Daria Anderson, Becky Mindemann, Mary Ringsven, Carla Gauwitz, Bev Tougas & Net Kupferschmid. Knowing they were responsible and sharing the load made all the difference. Other helpers include Sonja Thimjon, Eileen Tolkinen, Phyllis Sucher, Sharon Stenberg, Irene Seedorf, Leona Rothiger, Margaret Rose, Jackie Langren, Dorothy Johnson, Dianne Hunt, Maxine Hegg, Shirley Pauna, Mona Denker, Sue Delaney, Vi Bergman, Maryann Anderson & Dee Anderson. Help with serving: Rob, Olivia & Oakley McNair, Lisa Peterson & Emily Peterson, Amber & Abby Kalina, Logan Vorderbruggen and Tara McLaren. Musicians: Russ Bunker, Dana & Jana Loken, Larry Hunt, Miriam Hatlevig, and Steve Dahl. We also had men who helped including: Pastor Holtan, Greg Rise, Mitch Groethe, Rand Stolee, Larry Hunt, Eldon Bergman and Dave Ferguson. God bless you all for helping with our convention.

Terri Olson, Convention Planning Chair

Footnote

A word of thanks is in order for Terri Olson and the wonderful job she did as Chairperson of the Planning Committee for this event!

Those of us who attended were truly blessed, from the banquet on Friday evening to the closing workshops on Saturday afternoon. Communing together with women from other churches in the Synod, sharing time together at the tables so beautifully decorated in the Fellowship Hall, and being inspired by messages presented in the sanctuary, all served to leave us ready to "Grow and Go," which was the theme of the two day gathering.

Calvary Men's Ministry Happenings

Yurt: Rob McNair has been in contact with Craig Swanson about having the men help put together a Yurt. The purpose would be to be a drop off spot for a food drive and other such visible events. The original hope was to have it ready for VBS but the timeline did not appear practical. There were a number of recommendations for obtaining materials: Lee offered canvas from a boat cover, Bryce suggested the name of Bruce Kiefer who is a sail maker. Craig will talk to Louie Westland for advice on how to get it done. We are still looking for someone to be the point man for this project.

The keynote speaker, Inez Torres Davis, left us in awe with her knowledge of "Human Trafficking" which is still prevalent in our world today. Her workshop topic on "Sacred Spaces" was inspiring as well. Copies of her guide for creating personal sacred spaces are available from Calvary women who attended.

Our Synod bishop and his wife gave a slide presentation of their recent trip to India and our companion church there.

Of course there was much more in the two day event, but suffice it to say, next time you have the opportunity to attend an event like this, do take advantage of it, and you too will be inspired to "Grow and Go" as a witness for your Lord.

Phyllis Sucher, Executive Board Secretary

Circle Meetings. *Waiting with Patience and Hope* is the Bible Study theme for Charity (9:30 a.m. July 7) and Peace (9:30 a.m. July 14) Circles this month as they continue to discuss prayer. Pop into one in the Matthias Room and enjoy time in study, prayer and fellowship. Faith Circle will not meet in July and August but resumes in September. Check your mailbox for order forms for your new study guide for the fall.

Ice Cream Social. Mark Thursday, July 8, 2010 on your calendar! If you aren't familiar with this event, come and enjoy that day. We serve Bar-B-Q's, pie and ice cream. This is our big fundraiser for the organizations the Women support monetarily. This takes the whole congregation to make things work. There are several ways in which you can participate. You may be contacted to bring two pies or make a monetary donation. Suggested amount is \$15. There are several areas that you can help the day of the event or in planning etc. If you are willing to help, please contact Maryann Anderson 346-3365 or Net Kupferschmid 346-3315. There is a song fest that goes on during the evening also.

Salvation Army Service Trip July 3: Mark Olson will lead a group of men to this mission on Saturday, July 3. This is the time to get off the fence and into the mission action. Let Mark know you are ready to answer the call.

BWCA Canoe Trip July-August: David Knudsen reports that there may be two openings for the canoe trip in July-August. Let him know if you want to enjoy the beauty of the wilderness.



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Annual Praise Team Songfest July 8

As part of the July 8 Ice Cream Social from 3 to 7 p.m., join us for some great music as area praise teams make a joyful noise!

Great Adventure Gospel Band July 24

A special feature at the Hoedown to Heaven on July 24 will be a concert by the Great Adventure Gospel Band. Their special blend of gospel bluegrass, Southern Gospel, and familiar hymns will not only be a great complement to our country-themed Saturday Jubilee event, but also a delight and an inspiration to their audience. The band will share their music at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

The Great Adventure Gospel Band is a family from Braham, Minnesota, that includes David and Kris Garms and seven of their eight children, ranging in age from six to 18. Each member of the family plays at least one instrument to accompany their family harmony. There is no charge for this concert. Come early to enjoy the activities of the Hoedown event and stay till the end to enjoy the Great Adventure Gospel Band.

Outdoor Worship Help

We have 6 people who have agreed to be the lead guys for setting up the stage, etc. for the outdoor services. However, the lead person cannot do the set-up by themselves. If you can help with this, please sign up on the sheet.

Thank You!
The Worship Committee

ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTRY

Why the name Stephen?

The name Stephen comes from St. Stephen who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need as recorded in Acts 6.

What does the Stephen Series Logo Mean? The Stephen Series logo is a cross and circle together with a broken person and a whole person. The broken person behind the cross symbolized the brokenness in our lives due to our sin and imperfections. The whole person stands in front of the cross because it is only through the cross of Jesus that we are made whole. The circle symbolizes both wholeness we receive through Christ and God's unending love for us.

How much does it cost? Stephen Ministry is a care-giving ministry available to our Calvary members and community free of charge.

What is the Pastor's Role? Pastors will always be the primary caregivers, but there is no way pastors can meet all the needs for care. God has called all of us, not just pastors, to minister to one another. Stephen Ministry multiplies ministry by turning pastors into equippers, so they can enable lay people to provide caring ministry as well.

Can I trust a Stephen Minister? Trust is essential to a caring relationship, and Stephen Ministers are people you can trust. Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of Stephen Ministry, and what a care receiver tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence.

News from Calvary's Stephen Ministers

On Monday June 14, Stephen Ministry held its regular monthly meeting in the Matthias Room. Vi Bergman led our devotions and provided excellent dessert for the 14 Stephen Ministers who attended. Barb Christie shared her experiences about her attendance at the Leadership Training Course in St. Louis. It is an awesome experience to be in a group of over 300 who are committed to sharing the love of Christ with people who are suffering.

Our in-service training segment focused on how to structure and maintain appropriate boundaries for both the Stephen Minister and the care receiver.

We also discussed how to identify when there may be a problem of boundaries.



We currently have 17 active Stephen Ministers who are providing services to 12 care receivers. We are currently processing 2 referrals for assignment to Stephen Ministers. We do have Stephen Ministers who are available to serve.

If you have concerns about any person you know that is struggling with problems and could possibly profit from seeing a Stephen Minister, please call Reg Hansen at 347-4780.

Stephen Ministry Is Christ Caring For People Through People

Happenings in Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry expands caregiving at Calvary Lutheran: Barb Christie represents Calvary and Perham at national training course.

One member of Calvary Lutheran was among 315 pastors and congregational leaders at a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course (LTC) held April 11-17, 2010 in St. Louis, Missouri. Barb Christie attended the one-week training event hosted by the St. Louis based Stephen Ministry organization. Participants came from across the U.S. and Canada to learn how to implement and direct Stephen Ministry, a system of Christian caregiving, in their congregations.

"Stephen Ministry gives Calvary Lutheran Church an effective way to train and organize members to provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals struggling with crises like grief, divorce, loneliness, relocation, hospitalization, a terminal illness or unemployment", said Pastor Phil Holtan. "The need for this type of care greatly exceeds what pastors alone can provide. All Christians are called to care for and love one another---it's not just the pastor's job. By equipping lay people we can help them fulfill their calling as Christians and also expand the amount of caring ministry available through Calvary."

Barb Christie, Bev Tougas and Reg Hansen, all members of Calvary, has received the Stephen Ministry Leaders Training. One of their next steps will be to recruit, select and train members of Calvary to be Stephen Ministers, the ones who will provide one-to-one care.

They will then match each Stephen Minister with an individual in need of care and provide the Stephen Ministers with ongoing supervision and continuing education.



Stephen Ministry began in 1975 when Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist in St. Louis, Missouri, trained parishioners to help meet the needs for care in his congregation. The ministry was so successful that other congregations became interested, and Haugk founded the Stephen Ministry organization. Since then, more than 10,000 congregations have become involved in Stephen Ministry.

They represent over 150 Christian denominations and come from all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and 24 other countries.

The Stephen Ministry organization annually hosts six Leader's Training Courses across the U.S. At these courses, more than 55,000 pastors and church leaders have been trained as Stephen Leaders. They in turn have trained more than 500,000 church members as Stephen Ministers. It is estimated that more than one million people have received the formal care of a Stephen Minister, and millions more have been touched in an informal way. "One of the highlights of the LTC was that people from dozens of denominations set aside their differences for seven days and became unified in a single mission: how to bring Christ's healing love to hurting individuals," said Barb Christie.

For more information about the Stephen Ministry program at Calvary Lutheran Church contact Reg Hansen at 346-4780.

Relay for Life July 9 at the Perham Track



Relay For Life event starts at 5:30 on July 9.

Calvary's team will walk the opening lap at 7 PM and from then on until 5 AM. We would encourage people to come and walk with the team that represents our church and all the cancer survivors and those lost to cancer. The team will be doing their part and would appreciate your support.

TWIGS...Together Winning In God's Service

TWIGS is a caring ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church that strives to meet ongoing needs of individuals and families in our community that cannot be met through traditional resources. Several needs on the tree in the Fellowship Hall are waiting for sponsorship and can also be seen on Calvary's website at www.calvaryperham.com (click Adopt-A-Need).

We welcome sponsorship of an entire need or any amount towards a need.

With your help, we have been able to give rent assistance, electricity, pharmacy and pre-school tuition. All donations flow through Calvary and are tax deductible. Thank you for supporting TWIGS ministry. Your generosity brings encouragement and support to those in our community who are overburdened and experiencing a period of difficulty.

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Romans 12:10

Justice Journeys in 2011: Common Hope

Common Hope Vision Team Program sends approximately 25 teams of volunteers to Guatemala each year. Teams spend eight days at two sites - the Familias de Esperanza Family Development Center in Antigua and New Hope Village near Guatemala City.

Common Hope promotes hope and opportunity in Guatemala, partnering with children, families and communities who want to help develop better education, health care and housing for the people in Guatemala.

2011 is our year! Justice Journeys, Calvary's short term mission group, invites you to join us as we travel to Common Hope January 25 - February 3. At this time, five Calvary members have expressed an interest, we would love to have you join us! Cost will be about \$1800, a \$400 scholarship is available to help defray costs.

More information can be obtained from the website at www.commonhope.org - please contact Carla at 346-6486 or 218-841-1175 or cgauwitz@arvig.net or express your interest or ask questions.

Sharing God's Bounty

This exchange program of extra garden and orchard produce has begun and will continue until Jack Frost decides to descend on us. We experienced a very successful year in 2009 and look forward to another in 2010. As Christians we are called to share ourselves and the bounty God has provided with others. You may bring your extra produce each Sunday and place it on the table provided in the fellowship hall. You may exchange it for other produce there.

If you desire or need produce, please help yourself and leave a donation, if you are able. Produce that is left over will be shared with the men at Project Rewind and with the residents at St. James Manor.

Last year we provided \$181.05 to the Perham Food Shelf. Let us surpass that in 2010.



THANK YOU

To Daria Anderson for planting flowers and trimming bushes and to Estelle Arneson for keeping the flowers watered all summer.



FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund receipts for June to date through the 20th were \$24,367 or 66.7% of the budgeted revenues of \$36,544. There is one more Sunday in the month.

Building Fund receipts for June to date through the 20th were \$3,274 or 56% of the amount needed to make the mortgage payment of \$5,832.

Actual result for May for the General Fund was an unfavorable variance of \$2,772. Total receipts for the month were \$34,637 and expenses were \$37,408. On a year to date basis, the General Fund is behind by \$16,075.

The Building Fund receipts for the month were \$5,218, which was less than the amount needed by \$624. On a year to date basis, the Building Fund is behind by \$6,656. We have approximately 9 months remaining on the mortgage. Please remember the Building Fund in your offerings, we don't want to get too far behind this close to having the balance paid off.

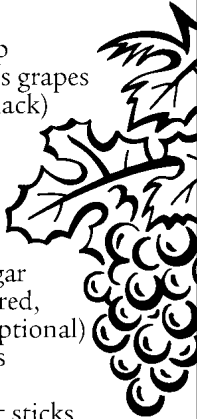
Thank you for your continued support of Calvary's general and building funds.

FROSTY FRESH GRAPE POPS

Jesus is our vine, and we are to be his fruitful branches. Have "bunches" of fun making this refreshing grape snack.

What you need:

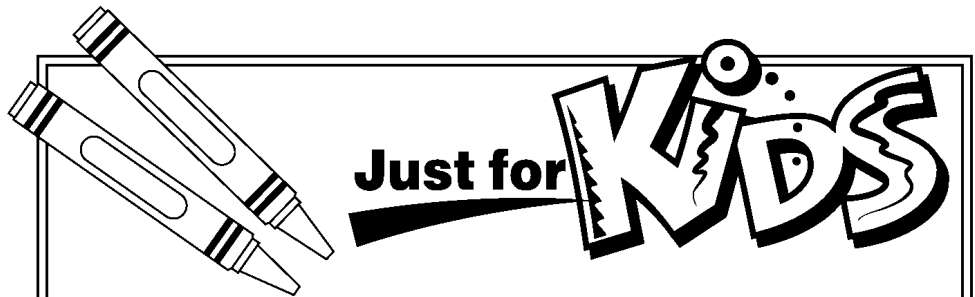
- An adult to help
- 4½ cups seedless grapes (red, green or black)
- Food processor
- Plastic spatula
- Strainer
- Mixing bowl
- Whisk
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Food coloring (red, green or blue; optional)
- 5 oz. paper cups
- Aluminum foil
- Popsicle or craft sticks
- Another 2 cups grapes, halved (optional)



What you do:

1. Blend grapes in a food processor until smooth.
2. With a plastic spatula, press mixture through a strainer into a mixing bowl. Discard skins and skim foam off the top.
3. Whisk sugar into juice until dissolved. Add a few drops of food coloring, if desired.
4. Fill cups with juice, spooning most of the foam off the top. (If using additional grapes, put ¼-cup halved grapes into each cup.)
5. Cover each cup with foil and insert a wooden stick into the center of the foil.
6. Place cups in freezer.
7. To remove pops, take off foil and tear away cup. Enjoy!

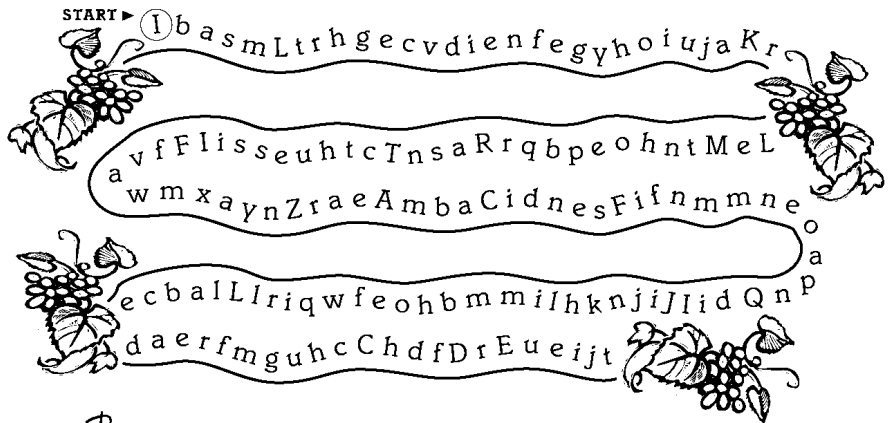
Variation: To make layered juice pops, make two batches of mix from different-colored grapes. Fill cups half full with one color, cover and then insert the stick and freeze. Then fill with the remaining color and freeze again.



The true vine

In a vineyard, the vine gives life to the branches, which, in turn, produce the grapes. Follow the puzzle directions below to learn about our special relationship with Jesus, our true vine.

Directions: Circle every other letter and then write them in order on the lines below.



"↓ _____ ; _____

_____ , _____ ;

apart from me you can do nothing."

J o h n 1 5 : 5 , N I V

Answer: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit."

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Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise you for the nation in which you have allowed us to live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities.

We thank you for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, special wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness.

Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of the land we love. Amen.