

To: Members of Calvary Lutheran Church

From: Reg Hansen, Caring Ministries Advocate of Calvary Lutheran Church

Re: Calvary receives Servant of Christ Award in 2010

Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota provides this award each year to one congregation in each of the ELCA synods in Minnesota. The award is made on the basis of the congregation's social ministry programs and how it partners with LSS and other churches and agencies in the community. In December 2009 Calvary was invited to send in a nomination for the award. With the help of Pastor Phil Holtan and Social Ministry Chair Holley Arvig, I developed and submitted the nomination of Calvary Lutheran Church. I was very comfortable doing this because of my conviction that Calvary and its members excel in their commitment to social ministry.

We received the announcement in early February 2010 that the LSS panel of judges selected Calvary for the award in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod. Richard Anderson of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota presented the award to Calvary in April 2010.

Needless to say, I am elated because of the privilege I have of working closely with everyone involved in social ministry at Calvary. You have my total permission to feel mighty proud of yourselves and to be thankful for the opportunities we have to serve many people in the name of Almighty God.