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Calvary Becomes an Affiliate with Kids Hope USA

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Happy New Year! As Calvary CRC looks forward to many opportunities in 2012, an exciting new program for serving our community is beginning. Calvary has recently become an affiliate with KIDS HOPE USA, a national church-owned, school-based mentoring program. Through this program, one church partners with one public elementary school in the community and provides faithful mentors to children who need a caring adult friend. Currently 11,000 children in the USA are served by mentors from KIDS HOPE USA, and school personnel report that many children involved in this program exhibit significant changes in academic performance, attitude, and behavior.

Do you have a heart for young children who could benefit from a little extra love and encouragement? Do you have one hour per week during the school

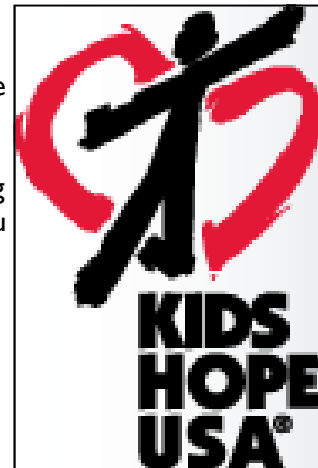
year to donate to one child? Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child? Then please consider being a mentor! You don't need to have teaching experience. In fact, while part of the mentoring hour may be spent doing some academic activities with your child, the main focus is on building a caring relationship with that child rather than tutoring. Our church will be partnering with Lincoln Elementary School and mentors will be trained and equipped to help them for their weekly hour.

In addition to mentors, prayer partners and substitute mentors are also needed. For every child-mentor relationship, there

is one prayer partner supporting that team behind the scenes. Also, a few substitutes may be needed if a mentor is gone a time or two during the year.

Next week during the morning services more

information about KIDS HOPE USA will be given. Meanwhile, please pray about this opportunity. If you are interested or have questions feel free to contact Laurie Nieboer at 628-3751 or laurien@iowatelecom.net.



December Council Meeting Highlights

Rick Admiraal reported to the council on his work at the Newton Prison. 2011 has been a great year at the prison. Again Rick thanked those that volunteer at the prison. Approximately half of the volunteers are members of Calvary. Prayers are requested for the Christmas service on Thursday night. 23 volunteers will be entering the prison for this service. The ministry is in the black financially and is on sound financial ground. In 2012 plans are to bring in Brothers In Blue to enhance the ministry.

The membership of Stacie (Verschuure) Holt was released to affiliate with the Grace Lutheran Church of Des Moines.

The membership of Travis Bandstra was released to affiliate with the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Hinsdale, Illinois.

The membership of Gene and Norma Roose was received from Crossroads Fellowship CRC of West Des Moines, IA.

Financial Reports through 11/30/2011. General Fund - \$25,751.54, Mission Fund - \$18,340.31, Capital Improvements - \$45,946.48. Total received for roof and window project is \$114,000.

The following were elected as council officers: President – Keith Roozeboom, Vice-President – Pastor Art Van Wolde, Clerk of Council – Bill Strong.



Calvary Memorial Committee

The Calvary Memorial Fund was formed in 1995 for the purpose of giving members, friends and family an opportunity to give a memorial gift to special causes to Calvary church in memory of their loved ones. Since its beginning the Calvary Memorial Fund has received \$49,784.43 in memory of those we love. This past year the memorial fund has received gifts in memory of:

Harriet Van Wyk, library and video ministry; Dorothy Zuiderma, church van and video ministry; Darwin Lee Vos, memorial garden; Wayne Klein, memorial garden and video ministry; Cor Bouwers, CRWRC; Shannon

Jansen, Cross Roads Bible Institute, John Bandstra, church van and video ministry; Robert Van Ryswyk, church van, Gilbert Schut, roof/window project and benevolence, Edna Boender, video ministry. Total memorial gifts received in 2011 is \$3,760.00.

Memorial gifts can be given at any time of the year. They may be given in memory of those loved ones who have died recently or in the distant past.

The current approved projects for the memorial fund are: Mis-

sions, Building & Building Expansion, Building Remodeling & Furnishings, Church Library, Church Music Department, Church Kitchen, Church Vehicle, Video Ministry, Calvary Memorial Garden or any Church Ministry. If you have any questions concerning the Memorial Fund, please contact Christy Van Zee or any member of the memorial team.

We as a Memorial Team are thankful for the many gifts that we have received in memory of Calvary's friends & family. Our prayer is that God may comfort all those in Calvary Church who have lost loved ones this year.

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A Follower of Jesus Christ is:

Saved: By receiving God's Gift of new life by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:8

Sanctified: By living a godly lifestyle governed by biblical discipline and nurtured through public worship. 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 12:1-2

Supporting: By uniting with believers to give and receive Christ-like love. Ephesians 4:16, 1 Corinthians 12:27

Serving: By using each person's gifts to build up God's kingdom. Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians 2:10

Seeking: By intentionally drawing and enfolding family, friends and neighbors into God's family. Matthew 28:19-20a, Luke 15:10, Luke 19:10

Our Mission is to call the lost and equip followers of Jesus Christ through the work of the Spirit for God's glory!

Our Vision is to be a community which lives the Bible's teaching by helping each other become more like Jesus so our families, friends, and neighbors around the world come to love and serve God along with us.

God Created Us to Glorify Him and to Enjoy Him Forever

The sanctuary banner encircling the cross shows the colors of the church year in a symbolic circle. The Christian liturgical (worship) year follows a rhythmic cycle of holy seasons and special times as we celebrate Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. The various seasons give us different perspectives on our relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. Symbolic colors visually remind us of the emphasis of each of the marked seasons and special times on the liturgical calendar so our spiritual walk with Jesus, both personally and in worship with other believers, will be deepened. The liturgical colors of the church year are seen on sanctuary banners throughout the

church year. Our children will also recognize the colors as they follow this liturgical calendar year in Children's Worship. Seeing the symbolic colors of each holy season and special time of the church year during worship will engage our sense of sight in our worship response to Calvary's worship mission: God created us to glorify Him and to enjoy Him forever.