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# Calvary Connection



## Calvary Calendar

Friday, February 5  
OPUS Twelfth Night party &  
white elephant exchange, 6:30  
pm

Sunday, February 7  
Ascent Super FUNbowl Party at  
Gilby's house, 4-7 pm

Sunday, February 7  
Women's Ministry Tea Party,  
1:30-3:30 pm

Friday, February 12-Monday,  
February 15  
Ascent Winter Camp

Tuesday, February 16  
Shrove Tuesday traditional  
Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 17  
Ash Wednesday Services,  
7 am, 12:05 noon, 7 pm

Friday, February 26  
Literary and Linguini Society  
Potluck, 6-8:30 pm

***Whoever wishes to be my  
follower must deny his  
very self, take up his  
cross each day, and  
follow in my steps.  
Luke 9:23***

## Lenten Reflections

Wednesday, February 17

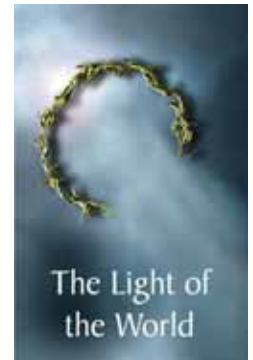
Just as Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus, the season of Lent is about following the path of His death and resurrection, and participating in His final journey.

Beginning 40 days before Easter, Lent has traditionally been a time of looking inward, a time of self-evaluation and examination in order to identify one's sins and go through a process of repentance and renewal.

Many Christians have fasted during portions of Lent, others have found ways to mark the days by "giving up" something that is particularly delightful to them, even if not sinful. In recent years, there has been an additional emphasis on taking on something. Some will choose to go to church more often, or serve the poor, or be more disciplined in meditation. When we slow down to reflect on all He has given to and given up for us—we reach a place of deep stillness where the hunger of our souls and the heart of God meet.

What would lengthen, deepen, enrich your experience of Jesus' presence with you during this holy season? Whatever it is for you, lengthen your love for Christ and commit yourself to a holy Lent.

—*John Wengrovius, Senior Pastor*



Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is preceded by Shrove Tuesday. This was originally a day for people to be "shriven," that is to be forgiven of their sins and for the house to be prepared for the Lenten observance. Because Lent was a time of strict fasting from certain types of food that would spoil over the Lenten period, Shrove Tuesday was the last day to consume those items. Also, partying during Lent was banned. Thus, on Shrove Tuesday, the custom arose to have a common feast of pancakes and sausages, representing our last party and feast before Lent.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 16

Where: The Great Hall  
When: 5:30-7:30 pm  
Cost: Free will offering  
Sponsored by the Thursday Morning Men's Prayer Group

### Ash Wednesday, February 17

Where: All services in the Historic Church  
When: 7 am, 12:05 pm, 7 pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist  
5:99 pm Sacramental Confessions  
5:30 Stations of the Cross  
6:00 Quiet Prayer

## Senior Pastor's Annual Report for 2009

Years ago I started keeping a list of *Signs of God's Blessing* at Calvary. The list begins in the early 1950s and becomes more detailed in 1988. Every so often I review the list to remind myself of how much God has blessed in this church family. Every year is filled with its challenges and disappointments, but at the end of every year, I can honestly say "Thanks be to God" for his many blessing during the previous twelve months.

In 2009, the vision God has blessed us with at Calvary was further lived into in so many ways. With the economic recession, we saw a greatly increased number of people from the Golden area and beyond come through our doors, sometimes up to eight households a day, seeking assistance with food, rent, utilities, and prescriptions.

There was a marked increase in collaboration between Calvary and the City, the Together Church, and community organizations. The Vestry was organized into four teams that reflect the vision. The UP, IN, OUTreach, and Finance and Building Teams meet regularly to provide discernment and a proactive engagement of the goals that emerge from our Vision Statement.

In August, the Golden City Council approved, with support from City staff, Calvary's request to extend by five years (until April 26, 2019) the ordinance granting us the opportunity to close off the upper end of Arapahoe Street. In so doing, they expressed great support in Calvary developing its Master Site Plan.

In the fall, the School of Mines Bible study and the Men's and Women's Bible studies took on an increased vitality. Throughout the year, Calvary hosted a growing number of City, diocesan, and community groups meeting in our facilities. Worship attendance took a jump at the beginning of November and has continued into the New Year.

Our buildings and grounds saw a number of small and larger projects completed. Early in the year, oak shutters were attached to the pass through between the kitchen and Great Hall, oak casing was installed framing the lower doors between the Great Hall lower level and the main entrance of the Ministry Center, fire extinguishers were placed in wall inserts, and several small projects in the nursery and rooms below the Great Hall were finished. A stainless steel prep table was purchased for the Great Hall kitchen. All of the above were financed through the generosity of the Prior Family Foundation.

The landscaping in front of the Ministry Center was completed. Two stone benches were given to enhance the columbarium. The low cement walls in front of the Historic Church received a new layer of stucco. The punch list on the new Ministry Center was finally completed. The restoration of the window over the altar in the Historic Church was finished, and the seven fully restored windows were rededicated.

Two crosses made by John Hobbs were attached to the north and south ends of the roof peak on the Great Hall. The second floor of the Historic Church building was completely remodeled. The stained glass windows from the former children's chapel were reinstalled. And, finally, the west windows of the Historic Church parish hall were replaced with glass blocks.

Calvary's staff saw some changes during 2009. In February, Ron Gee became our Building Manager in addition to his previous position as our Groundskeeper. A cleaner was hired to keep all our buildings tidy. Judy Maguire retired as our Administrative Assistant at the end of March, and Laura Pierce took over that position in April.

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## 2009 Senior Pastor's Annual Report

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In mid-October, Christine Eitemiller was hired as Calvary's first full-time Music Director. During the fall, the position of Parish Administrator was restructured. Fritz Bart, Calvary's Parish Administrator for eleven years, will go on a four month sabbatical in mid-January 2010 and retire mid-May.

At the beginning of 2009, our nation was still in a deep recession. Although Calvary ended 2008 in the black, we plunged into the red in January and, through the grace of God working through his people, we came within a few thousand dollars of breaking even for the year. If you factor in the surplus from 2008, we entered 2010 with a positive balance in the General Fund.

What was very encouraging during the year was an increase in base giving to the General Fund, which meant that we did not have to rely upon major, unexpected gifts to that fund as much as in past years. We did receive a \$50,000 anonymous gift in May: the designations were \$5,000 tithed to outreach, \$15,500 toward remodeling the upstairs of the 1954 parish hall, and \$29,500 toward the salary for a full-time Music Director.

In August, the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church Women gave a \$24,630 grant to Calvary's Mission with Malaŵi to help continue our work with libraries and school in our companion diocese. At the end for the year, the Joshua Charitable Foundation gave a \$5,000 grant for outreach and the Prior Family Foundation gave us a \$5,000 grant to help pay for the remodeling of the classrooms.

2009 saw the beginning of a long-term project to needlepoint kneelers for the pews in the Historic Church. Each kneeler will have a central panel depicting one of the books of the Old Testament.

With the upstairs classrooms of the 1954 parish hall done, the ministry configuration for our buildings on the west side of Arapahoe Street is completed. Even with the new rooms, we are pressed for space during our education hour on Sundays. This, along with all of the developments mentioned in my second paragraph above, means that it is time to re-engage the 1992 master site plan in light of where we are now. This will bring additional excitement to 2010.

In the 2009 Annual Report, you see evidence of the Spirit of God moving in and through our church family and out into the community and beyond. What a blessing it is for me and my family to be part of Calvary for the past 21+ years. It is with a tremendous sense of gratitude that I continue to serve as your Senior Pastor.

—John Wengrovius

***“For riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.”***  
**Proverbs 27:24**



At the end of 2009, Calvary was the grateful recipient of two grants of \$5,000 each. The Joshua Charitable Foundation designated its gift for outreach. Our Outreach Team will decide where these funds will be put to best use.

For the eleventh year, the Prior Family Foundation gave Calvary a gift. Their grant is designated to help meet the expense of the two recently remodeled classrooms. We are so grateful for the consideration and generosity of these two foundations!

Speaking of the new classrooms, aren't they great?! Thank you so much to all who gave so generously to that project. The remodeling ended up costing \$56,000, and we are still \$5,000 short of covering the whole cost. If you wish to help retire this debt, please note on your check "classroom remodel."

## Calvary a Church Home for All Ages!



Heather Hepworth giggles as she helps make Christingles for the two earliest Christmas Eve services. Calvary had one of its busiest Christmas seasons ever with over 869 people attending services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning.



# Youth News



**gilby "the youth guy"**  
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...always more info at [theascentonline.com](http://theascentonline.com)

### 2010 Mission Trips (so far!)

Haxtun Work Retreat	June 7-11
Dominican Republic	July 3-11

Middle School Spelunking meets  
Wednesdays from 7-8:30 at Calvary.

High School Spelunking meets Sundays  
from 6-8:30 at Hillside Church  
(103 North Ford Street, Golden)

## 2010 WINTER CAMP:

**WHEN:** February 12-15

**WHERE:** Salida, Colorado

**WHO:** middle school & high school students

**COST:** \$120 (a bit more if you need rental gear-scholarships available)

**WHAT:** We will be spending a long weekend together learning what it means to follow Christ, as well as hanging out with friends, hitting the mountain, suit dipping in the hot springs, hearing some amazing thoughts from your leaders, worshipping the Living God, and NOT milking goats!



**Until Feb 5 Standard Registration**

**Feb 5-11**

**LATE REGISTRATION!**

## Fellowship & Education Opportunities

### Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

We are finally tackling the Minor Prophets! Each week is a different prophet and there's no homework, so newcomers can join us at any time. We meet Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 in the Ministry Center classroom. **We would love to have new women join us!!!** Talk to Cathy Hitch if you have any questions -

[cathy.hitch@calvarygolden.net](mailto:cathy.hitch@calvarygolden.net) or 303-278-4436.

### Calvary Women's Literary and Linguini Society

February's book will be *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf, which takes place in a small town on the eastern plains of Colorado. We'll meet Friday, February 26, 6-8:30 at a place to be determined. It's a shorter book (300 pages) for those of us who are also reading the Bible.

If you have an idea for a book that you would like to read in 2010 or if you would like to host one month, please let Cathy know:

[cathy.hitch@calvarygolden.net](mailto:cathy.hitch@calvarygolden.net) or 303-278-4436.

### Sunday Morning Adult Education this Spring

On Sunday mornings we have two options for you. Some of us are doing the **Bible in 90 Days** on Sunday mornings, a program that is already underway. The second option, starting February 7<sup>th</sup>, is Lisa Batzle's class on the **Temple**. For seven weeks, she teach us about the Tabernacle, the First Temple, its destruction by the Babylonians, the building of the Second Temple, and Jesus' relationship to the Israelite's house of God. Something to look forward to!

### Mines Ministry Talks About God's Guidance

Our Mines student lunch and Bible study continues this semester on Wednesdays at noon in the Ministry Center. Hap Maguire makes us lunch and we have a short time of prayer and study before it's back to the books. New students are always welcome to join us! Our topic this semester is "Decisions" or how God gives us guidance through life. If you have questions, talk to Cathy Hitch, [cathy.hitch@calvarygolden.net](mailto:cathy.hitch@calvarygolden.net).



## Ladies' Holiday Luncheon Well-Attended!

Over 60 Calvary ladies, representing all 5 Saturday and Sunday services, gathered for lunch and fellowship. Three of those celebrating were Carolyn Abey, Jayne Bowman, and Ronita Woolsey. The lunch was a wonderful way for all of Calvary's wonderful women to connect!

Beginning Sunday February 21st a **Centering Prayer Group** will begin at Calvary meeting from 10:15 to 11:00 am. The group will be led by Don Krill, a retired D.U. professor. Centering Prayer is similar to meditation, but has a Christian focus and intent. Its origins are with the early Desert Fathers as well as monasteries of Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox persuasions. In recent years it has been popularized by Thomas Keating, of the Benedictine Monastery in Snowmass, CO. This series of five meetings will be using Keating's book *Open Heart, Open Mind*. Contemplative prayer emphasizes quieting the mind, practice of presence of God, and reducing mental fluttering. It is considered to be one of the workings of the Holy Spirit. Such groups have evolved in both Protestant and Catholic churches throughout our country. *Come join us!*

**DID YOU KNOW?** EFT or Electronic Funds Transfer is a GREAT way to keep your church gifts coming consistently, even when life isn't consistent. Contact the Office for more

**Weekly Service Schedule**

Morning Prayer  
9:00 am **Monday—Thursday**

Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am **Wednesday**  
(with healing prayer)

**Weekend Service Schedule****SATURDAY**

5:00 pm **Traditional Service**  
Historic Church

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am **Said Service**  
Historic Church

9:00 am **Blended Service**  
Great Hall

9:00 am **Traditional Service**  
Historic Church

10:10-11:00 am **Christian Education Hour**

11:05 am **Informal Service**  
Great Hall

11:05 am **Traditional Service**  
Historic Church

*Nursery available on Sunday from  
8:45 am to 12:30 pm*



**What's happening in Golden?  
A few of the upcoming  
events in our community...**

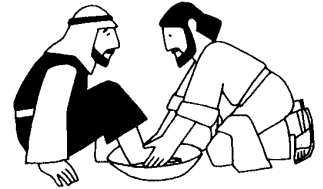
February 5, March 5, April 2—  
Golden's First Friday  
February 8—ScramBowl at the  
Golden Bowl, a fundraiser for  
Golden's annual Christmas lights  
April 3—Golden Family Easter

# Community Outreach

*Community Partnerships and Ministry Team*

**St. Francis Center Sunday**

February 28th is the designated Sunday morning this month for members of Calvary to serve at the St. Francis Center, a day shelter for the homeless. If you would like to participate, please speak with Susan Rice, 303-519-4216, who coordinates the group.

**Calvary Food Shelf**

Thanks to the members of Calvary, many, many people in our community are getting help with food they desperately need. **Over 1,100** people accessed this resource in 2009, and the need has not lessened so far this year! Check out the list of food items needed each week, and if you are able, pick up 1 or 2 or 3 when you head out to the store!

**Is Your BP Rising?**

Would you like to know what your blood pressure is? Kate Felix, a member of Calvary who is a nurse, will check your BP on a monthly basis, usually the second Sunday...and track it for you! Look for reminders in the weekly bulletin insert.

**Golden Community Garden**

The Golden Community Garden will soon be entering its second year! The Together Church of Golden will again have a "community" plot, from which the vegetables grown will be distributed to Golden residents in need. Vanessa Hayes and Eric Husman from Calvary are taking a lead role with this effort. Look for more details in the coming months.

**Olive Wood Crosses and BFW Prayer Tents**

During Lent, the Calvary Outreach Team will again be selling olive wood crosses from Jerusalem (handmade by Palestinian Christians). The cost is \$1 and all proceeds will go to outreach ministries.

And...be sure to pick up a prayer tent from Bread for the World for your use during Lent. Each week, different prayers are provided to bring to our awareness the needs of others.





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## The Bible in 90 Days Experience

Enjoy some comments from our B-90 participants—

*"Reading the Bible in 90 Days is like quitting smoking and drinking. Make up your mind and DO IT."*

*"It's one of the hardest things I have ever done, but very interesting."*

*"Loving the quality time each day in scripture!"*

*"Reading the entire Bible has been such a challenge and a joy, and something I hope to do many times in my life."*

*It's been great to experience how much more clearly the story flows when you read the Bible right through at once—I'm loving it."*

*"Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines, when did he sleep?"*

*"Ruth was such a relief after Judges (how long does it take for us, the people, to get it?!)"*

*"My eyes have been opened as well as my heart & soul to how God works in the lives of us all. I'm excited to continue the stories."*

