

Fire Safety

What's Hot?

October is fire safety month. In the event of a fire, does your family know what to do?

Prepare and practice a fire escape route BEFORE a fire occurs in your home. A good fire escape plan shows two exits from every room. Families who practiced fire escape routes prior to a fire have lower fatality rates than those who didn't. The best time to practice is at night when children are already tucked into bed. Practicing at night gives parents an idea how children will react during a real fire. Young children are at the highest risk of fire-related death because they don't perceive risk as quickly and lack the ability to escape a life-threatening fire situation. This is why it is especially important to draw and practice a fire escape route and keep it handy for children. Designate a safe meeting place and teach children never to go back into a burning building. If your family doesn't have a fire escape route, visit www.nfpa.org/factsheets and click on Escape Planning.

**FIRE DESTRUCTION IS ONE MAN'S JOB;
FIRE PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S JOB.**



Protecting your family from fire requires advance planning for what to do if fire strikes. This includes the use of protective devices, usually smoke alarms, to provide early warning of fire. Smoke alarms should be located on each floor level of the home and outside bedrooms or sleeping areas. Smoke alarms are designed to protect you from fires while you are asleep. If you sleep with the bedroom door closed as recommended, you should add a smoke alarm in the bedroom; particularly if you smoke in the bedroom. If you do smoke, NEVER smoke in bed and keep ashtrays away from upholstered furniture or curtains.

Smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month. Push the test button to check the alarm. Smoke alarm maintenance includes changing the batteries at least twice per year and keeping them free of dust and debris. To download a smoke alarm checklist, visit safekidsgf.com and click on programs.



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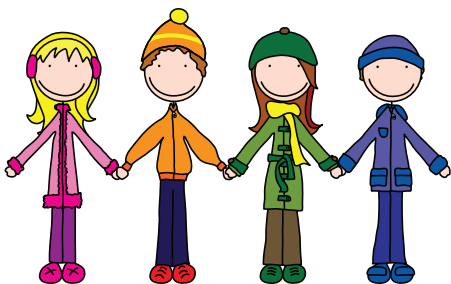
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Warming Our Community: One Coat at a Time

Calvary Lutheran Church of Grand Forks has set out to “warm up” our community by collecting new or used coats for various agencies in town that have clients needing warm outer wear (hats, coats, gloves, scarves, etc.). Simply drop off any of these items at our church before October 20 and we will make sure they get dispersed to people in town who will put them to good use. Calvary Lutheran Church is located at 1405 South 9th Street in Grand Forks (just slightly southeast of Elks Pool). There will be a drop off box inside the east door to the church. We hope you will join in our efforts and donate outer wear for those in need.

**Together, we will WARM the hearts
and hands of our community.**



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