



CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH ELCA

Tidings 2024



"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRADUATION CELEBRATION-SUNDAY May 5th

Join us at the worship service at 10 am to honor and celebrate **Ella Foote, Theron Miller, and Mitch Moravec** as they graduate from high school. We will also celebrate college graduate, **Marissa Wright** from WNCC.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY ON MAY 19TH

When a child is baptized, we, as the people of God, promise to support and pray for them in their new life in Christ. Your presence on this special day is one way you can fulfill the promise we as a church made to God. We rejoice that the following young people will be affirming the Baptismal promises made for them at their baptisms. Please include these youth in your prayers and come celebrate with them on May 19th.



Rhyan Buckley Kolten Burgner
Ayden Tompkins Merrick Walsh

Red
Geranium



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On the weekend of May 18th & 19th, we will be celebrating Pentecost. You are invited to wear red to worship, the color of the Holy Spirit. You are also invited to bring red geraniums to help decorate our sanctuary that weekend and then they will be planted in the church flower beds to remind of us of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives in the coming months.





May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii

Happy May Day to you!

Maybe we should have postponed our Holy Humor Day for now! I hope you enjoyed that service – I sure had fun putting it together! I've already been thinking about next years' service. Maybe we should have a cowboy theme!

May will be a busy month here at the church! We'll start with Senior Recognition on May 5th, our last meeting for JAM and Confirmation for 1st year students will be May 8th, Mother's Day on May 12th, our last Confirmation for 2nd year students will be May 15th, Confirmation Sunday is on May 19th (which is also Pentecost – wear red!) and then I will be taking another week of vacation the last week.

Synod Assembly will be May 31 – June 2. On Sunday, June 2 worship will be held with the Assembly, streamed from Kearney! This is an experiment we hope will turn out well! Stay tuned for more information about that when time gets closer.

I want to share with you all – I found out this week that I will be a (Nebraska) Grandma again! My youngest are expecting their first child sometime in early November! I'm over the moon, as are they! Thanks for all your continued support!

Blessings to you and yours!
Pastor Kathy

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

We would like to make a congregational list of yard/tasks that the youth could do to raise money for their trip to New Orleans. If you have work to be done please let Christy know and we will get things arranged.



Go, And

As we continue to Go, And . . . May - - - Be Church

What does it mean to be church? The Holy Spirit is moving and blowing through, with, and for God's people. To GO AND . . means we pray, listen, share our story, serve with neighbors, ask, be honest, be present, rest, have the conversation, be intentional, tell the story and be church. Everybody has something to offer – Let's Go!

Questions to consider:

If you overheard someone talking in the grocery store about your congregation/ministry site, what do you hope people are saying?

Use your imagination! What is your big dream for your congregation? (NO limits)

What gifts, talents, and expertise do you hold and how can you share?

I am going to GO AND be church by _____.

Prayer: Holy God who gathers and sends us, we give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Equip us, give us language to proclaim the Good News, and empower us to Go forth into the world. Amen.



GO AND...



PRAY



LISTEN



SHARE YOUR STORY



SERVE WITH NEIGHBORS



ASK



BE HONEST



BE PRESENT



REST



HAVE THE CONVERSATION



BE INTENTIONAL



TELL THE STORY



BE CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

April 8, 2024

Acceptance of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda: Bill Huelle; 2ndPastor Kathy, agenda accepted. Acceptance of March 11, 2024 minutes: Motion to accept: Grant Hinze; 2ndBill Huelle, minutes accepted

Board/Committee Reports:

Worship and Music: There will be an informational meeting for ushers and acolytes Sunday, April 14 following worship. Bill will meet with the ushers and Pastor Kathy with acolytes. Bill handed out and Ushers Duties sheet and it was reviewed, and corrections made. There was no Saturday night worship 3/30 and Holy Humor Sunday was to be 4/7. There will be no communion on the 20th and 21st as Pastor will be on vacation. A proposal was made to have no Saturday night services in June, July, or August. After discussion, there was a motion by the board of music and worship to accept this proposal and a 2nd by Lynn Margheim. Motion accepted. Those services will resume in September pending the determination of the board of music and worship and council.

Stewards: They will not be hosting a BBQ this year. There will be a stewardship drive “kick off” meal on 9/22 immediately following worship. Envelopes for pledges will be sent in the September Tidings as well as a Time and Talents Sheet to be handed in that Sunday as well. Also, the time and talents sheet will be sent out electronically for those that would rather respond in that manner. Then on 9/29, before church services, Biblical Stewardship, and adult study, will be led by Pastor Kathy. Next meeting will be 4/22 at 6 PM.

Parish Education: They held an Easter breakfast and took in about \$500 for the kids going to New Orleans, Owls will be 4/10 with a program on Tanzania given by Pastor Kathy and the Huelle’s, the middle school gathering has been cancelled, EPIC will be painting Pastor Kathy’s fence 4/27 to gain funds for their New Orleans trip, JAM will host the Grab and Go lunches for April, Young at Heart will be 4/21, after coffee fellowship and they will have an Earth Day theme, Vacation Bible School will be on a Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening this year June 23,24,25.

Outreach: More volunteers are needed for the Grab and Go lunches. JAM is hosting on 4/25, Shari Copsey and her crew are hosting 5/23 and Council will host on 6/27.

Financial Report: March: Beginning Balance \$30,937.46 Ending Balance: \$18,033.63

Pastor/Staff reports: Pastor reiterated that the Jr. High Youth Gathering that was to be held in Sidney has been cancelled and that the EPIC youth going to New Orleans will be painting her fence 4/27. President Shari then read a letter of resignation submitted by Youth and Family Director Angie Hinze effective June 30, 2024. She moved that with regret, to accept her resignation as of 6/30. Pastor Kathy 2nd, resignation accepted.

Old Business: Our current computer coverage via Bytes is for back-up and viruses. If we want more it would be an additional charge. Consensus was to just keep what we have now. The council retreat agenda was reviewed with additions and corrections made. Shari also reminded those that haven’t completed their surveys to do so and get them turned in. They will be resent to those people.

New Business: With the latest blizzard and city-wide power outages in the area we discussed a process for church cancellation. That will be finalized at our retreat and then put in the Tidings now and again in the fall.

Next Council Meeting: May 13, 2024

A complete copy of the Council Minutes is available from the church office.





Ella Foote



Theron Miller



Mitch Moravec



**GOOD
FRIDAY**



(Kindergarten-5th Grade)

- 5/1 Abide in Jesus
(pasta bar/bread/salad/dessert)**
- 5/8 End of Year Party!
Join us for pizza & ice cream!
This will be our last evening of JAM
this school year!**

(6th –12th Grades)

- 5/4 Fence Painting rescheduled!**
Due to the forecasted rain we will paint Pastor Kathy’s fence on May 4 from 9am-3pm. Lunch will be provided. This is a Youth Gathering Fundraiser. Please let Pastor Kathy know you will be there.

Confirmation Class Schedule
May 1 & 8 - Confirmation Class
May 15 - 2nd Year Confirmation only



Sacrifice Proportionately as Christ sacrificed for us. For our sake Jesus gave up everything to make us rich through the cross and the resurrection. We are called to sacrifice so others may share in God's word and blessings. "...gave according to their means, and even beyond their means." 2 Corinthians 8:3.

When you think of stewardship, do you just think of the financial obligation it can bring? Remember, stewardship includes giving of our time and talents too! Helping your church and others in many ways is good stewardship. How many ways do you sacrifice?

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutheran's) LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 1st @12 p.m.

We will be enjoying a pasta bar, along with bread, salad, and dessert. Our program will be Scottsbluff High School's Italian exchange student Benedeta Rossini.



CLCW MAY MISSION PROJECT: Sullivan Hills Camp

Our Mission Project for May is **Sullivan Hills Camp**. This month we are asking your help in sending monetary support to Sullivan Hills Camp which serves campers each summer in Western Nebraska.

The camp offers programs for grades 1-12, special needs families, confirmation and also provides a beautiful setting for retreats.

Donations may be placed in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope.

Thank you for your support.



SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP



Meeting times & places:

Priscilla Study Group—Monday, May 13 @ 2 p.m. at Vicki Schmidt's Home

Hannah Study Group—Monday, May 13 @ 7 p.m. at Chris Thomas' Home

Sarah Circle

The ladies will meet May 21st @ noon at Calvary

Come join the ladies every 3rd Tuesday at Noon for Bible Study.

Bring your lunch and join us!

All ladies are invited to join any of these groups.





Save the Dates!

Vacation Bible School

June 23 - 25

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Treasures for Travelers Rummage & Bake Sale

June 22.



Do you have stuff you no longer need or want? The Outreach committee will be hosting a rummage & bake sale on June 22 from 7am-12pm. We will be taking donations of items and baked goods to support 2 great causes. Proceeds will go to Grab & Go Lunches and the ELCA Youth Gathering Trip. We will also be having a craft show open to any home-based business. See flyer for more information.



The Young at Heart Fellowship Group will host a potluck dinner with discussion, Practicing Faith at Home, at 6 p.m. on May 23. The group is open to all, with fellowship activities planned to be aimed at young families and "young" adults. If you are "young at heart," we would love to have you join us. Contact Maunette Loeks or Val Rahrs for details about how you can be involved. You can also submit your ideas and details on our survey: tinyurl.com/youngadultfellows

How do I know if church has been cancelled?



The decision to cancel church service is made by the Pastor, Council President, and Director of Worship & Music. An email and text broadcast will be sent out. Please be sure the church office has a current email & cell number on file. It will be posted on our website, Facebook and KNEB.

CALVAY LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP is established with the intent to promote Christian education at a Protestant college. We would like to remind those interested in attending a Protestant college next fall to stop by the church office and pick up an application form. **Applications MUST be in by June 1st.**



The criteria for receiving a scholarship is as follows:

1. Attends Calvary Lutheran Church regularly and has had past record of two years attendance in Sunday school and/or church worship.
2. Is a voting member as defined in the Calvary Lutheran Church Constitution, C8.02C.
3. Will be a full time student as defined by the college you are attending.
4. Have not received scholarships from Calvary for more than eight college semesters. Request for scholarships exceeding the eight college semesters will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

Prayers for healing: **Don Stahla** (knee replacement surgery), **Miranda Wright** (healing from a concussion), **Lynne** (cancer & heart arrhythmia—Laurie & JP Ruzicka’s friend), **Kurt Nikont** (recovering from foot surgery), **Sheila Miller** (health issues), **Catherine Rahrs** (major medical issues—Val Rahrs’ mother), **Larry Loeks** (improved health), **Jack Day** (stroke—Lynn Margheim’s brother), **Jeremy** (test results—Deb Brown’s son), **Bert Bessey**, **Shelia Colson** (hospital recovery), **Sherrill Miller** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family) **Butch Feil** (recovering from surgery—Guerrero family), **Leah Nikont** (recovering from surgery), **Drew Selck** (Cancer), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer— Larry Gibbs’ brother), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Zeke Chilcott** (deployed—friend of Marissa Wright), **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).



Jack Martin	5/4	Deb Brown	5/19
Brigitta Loseke	5/4	Vicki Howell	5/19
Matt Payne	5/4	Krista Gingrich	5/21
Larry Sibal	5/6	Grant Hinze	5/24
Sherry Belgum	5/7	Beth Janecek	5/25
Marissa Wright	5/8	Jan Wylie	5/25
Jodi Christeleit	5/10	Hunter Walker	5/25
Virginia Pickett	5/12	Lawrence Gibbs	5/26
Shari Copsey	5/12	Shelby Hinze	5/27
Glen Vandenberg	5/17	Jensen Bedlan	5/28
Jeannie Stormoe	5/18	Marlene Downer	5/28
James Dorn	5/18		

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We **ENCOURAGE** every family of Calvary to support our area Food Pantry and Food programs. The pantries provide important services to those in need and can really help aid those families who are less fortunate.

This month's Food Pantry item:

OATMEAL

This month's Backpack Program item:

PUDDING CUPS

JUNE will be:

CANNED FRUITS

OATMEAL

Do you need someone to talk to during these uncertain times? A Stephen minister can be made available to visit with you over the phone. If you are going through a difficult time of any kind, we are ready and able to visit with you. Remember all calls are completely confidential unless you want the pastors to know.

If you or someone you know could use a Stephen Minister, please contact Bill Huelle (631-3389).

We're **here** for you.

HOSPITALIZED? PLEASE LET US KNOW

If you are hospitalized, please contact (or have a friend or family member contact) the church office and let us know so that we can visit and pray with you. Providing pastoral care is an important part of our ministry; however, we cannot visit if we don't know, so please don't hesitate to call or email the church office, so that we can be there for you. Thanks!

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Deadline for weekly announcements is Wed. at 5 PM. Deadline for monthly Tidings Newsletter is the 20th of each calendar month. Please send your items to Christy in the church office.

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WEBSITE

www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org

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WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - MAY 2024

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO	ALTAR GUILD
May 5 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Marti Wegelin	Vicki Howell (Head) Deb Brown Marlene Downer	Loeks-Van Patten Maunette Kippen Cochran Jacey Cochran	Jeff Van Patten Jack Martin	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler Allisha Weitzel
May 12 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Mary Jo Huelle	Barb Jensen (Head) Rick Margheim Lynn Margheim	Andi Dorn Brody Weitzel Mattea Weitzel	Chris Jensen Jim Dorn	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
May 19 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Angie Hinze	Shari Copsey (Head) Tracy Steele Chris Thomas	Jack Martin Jack Judy Max Judy	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jeff Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
May 26 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Vicki Howell	Marissa Wright	No Communion	Andi Dorn Dakota Newsom Merrick Walsh	Jeff Van Patten Jim Dorn	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler Allisha Weitzel






If you are unable to serve,
please find a replacement and inform the church office. Thanks!





2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12 pm-OWLS Luncheon 5:30pm-JAM 5:30pm-Social Ministry 5:45pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir-Practice	2	3	4 9am-3pm-Epic @ Pastor Kathy's House 5:30pm-Worship
		7 1pm-Quilting	8 5:30pm-JAM-End of Year Celebration 5:45pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir-Practice	9 11:30am-Exec Mtg	10	11 5:30pm-Worship
5 GRADUATION CELEBRATION SUNDAY 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship 	6 5:15pm-Outreach 6pm-Worship & Music					
12 MOTHER'S DAY 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship 	13 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall 5:30pm-Council 7pm-Hannah Circle @ Chris Thomas'	14 1pm-Quilting	15 5:45pm-Confirmation (2nd Year-Only) 7pm-Choir-Practice	16	17	18 9:00am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship (Last Saturday)
19 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	20 5pm-Panish Ed 5pm-Elders DEADLINE <small>Newsletter</small>	21 12pm-Sarah Study 1pm-Quilting	22 5:30pm-Stewards 7pm-Choir-Practice	23 12-2pm Grab & Go Lunch 6pm-Young @ Heart Potluck	24	25 NO Worship
26 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	27 OFFICE CLOSED 	28 1pm-Quilting	29	30	31 Synod Assembly Workshop	



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