



Tidings 2021

"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction"

Holy Week Schedule



March 28th - Palm Sunday Service @ 10:00 a.m.

April 1st - Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 p.m.

April 2nd - Good Friday Service with Youth @ 7:30 p.m.

April 3rd - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service @ 5:30 p.m.



**April 4th - Easter Sunday Service
@ 10:00 a.m.**

Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!

**All Services will be in-person and will broadcast LIVE on our
Facebook Page:
Calvary Lutheran Scottsbluff**



Have you seen them yet? I must admit I haven't. Normally they're here by now. I wonder why they haven't shown up? No, I'm not talking about worshipers, I'm talking about Jonquils. Your yard may be full of them but the normal places I usually spot them are still barren. The trees are late this year as well. The buds have been slow to appear, our apple tree still looks lifeless. Yet, there are signs that Spring is right around the corner. Temps are slowly warming and the Sun is moving higher in the sky. Yes, there are yards coming to life even if ours isn't one of them.

Worship is starting to 'spring' back even if ever so slowly.

Yes, we are 'open' for worship and we encourage you to join us. Especially as more and more people receive their vaccinations we can encourage gathering more and more. By the end of the month Pastor Sheryl and I will have had our second dose. Many of you have also received your vaccines. While not ending our need for precautions, as many more still need vaccines to reach the goals, we can begin to 'emerge' like the jonquils of spring and Holy Week offers a special reason to consider returning to the gathered community. Easter brings to us the promise of Resurrection and after the past year, what better way to begin emerging from this thing we have called pandemic. (Please, continue to practice reasonable distancing, masking and other practices for the sake of those still vulnerable,) Let us lift our voices and songs, let us lift our hearts, in thanksgiving and let us rejoice for God's promise is sure, Christ has risen!

Now I know there is still some caution out there and know that we will still livestream our worship. That has become a permanent change in our worship life from now on. In fact, worship as we knew it will have permanent changes, some still in the works and some yet to be decided. But like the first blooms of spring, not knowing if a blizzard is still around the corner, we can lift our hearts and worship. (Spring blizzards are short lived! After their passing we will see temps continue to climb and buds appear on the trees.)

For those that are able, we are looking forward to gathering. Beginning with Palm Sunday recalling the events from the triumphal entry, with a nod to what will happen, from the upper room where Jesus gathered for the last time with his disciples to the foot of the cross and finally, the joy of the empty tomb. Come and worship!

Pastor Chris



COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

March 8, 2021

Board/Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Need to begin thinking about a person for Vice President for next year.

Elders: Need to establish a committee to carry out the Child & Youth Protection Program required by our insurance company; would like help from Nominating Committee in finding people for the committee.

Social Ministries: Forwarded check to ELCA Hunger Program.

Trustees: The blinds were hung in the sanctuary.

Worship & Music: Still need to expand the media team. The Lenten series is excellent.

Parish Education: JAM sent out 32 valentines to congregants who live by themselves, which was a big hit. Souper Bowl of Caring collection is now nearly \$800. EPIC kids will be doing Good Friday; there are no confirmands being confirmed this year. VBS may be a weekend program this summer.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$48,332 Ending Balance: \$52,371 This includes having paid for the new doors in the Narthex. Balance includes checks deposited into the General Account from the Endowment Fund for the Lakota Center and Cat/Pup Pack program. These will be paid in March.

Pastor's/Staff Reports: Kids are on Lenten break. Angie will be out of town for Easter, has tapped Jack Martin to direct the Good Friday performance. Hoping there are enough kids to cover all the Good Friday parts. 1st Communion Class will be March 21st with First Communion on Maundy Thursday. Nancy Steele's PMA certification 25th anniversary is this year. Synod recognition will happen during the (Zoom) Assembly. Calvary will schedule a celebration locally. Board of Elders will handle planning the celebration.

Old Business: BBQ – thinking we should do it like last year, as a BBQ-less BBQ. Last year's take was equal to other years. Dennis Gorr moved and Neal Blomenkamp 2nd that we continue with a BBQ-less BBQ, with \$75 being the suggested donation. Motion carried. Lakota Center Matching Grant – when last known, they were still about \$5,500 short. Neal Blomenkamp moved to donate the BBQ earnings to the Lakota matching grant. Dennis Gorr 2nd motion accepted.

New Business: Council Workshop – discussion of its need; recommended we not do one this year. Mary Jo Huelle moved on behalf of the Endowment Committee, with Jim Dorn 2nd, to change signers for the Calvary Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund checking account as follows: continue with Bill Steele and Lonnie Miller as signers; add Bill Huelle as a 3rd signer; remove Monty Copsey as signer. Motion accepted.

Next Council Meeting: April 12, 2021





April 2: Good Friday Service

The Calvary youth will lead the Good Friday Tenebrae service and "Watch the Lamb" Drama this year. All youth are welcome to participate in this service. You will need to dress in plain black attire (from head to toe). I will have black disposable masks for everyone, but you can also wear your own black mask. The service is at 7:30pm. We will meet at the church at 6 pm to rehearse, followed by pizza and drinks. We will also practice on Wednesday (3/31) at 6 pm at the church.



We will begin again with JaM on Wednesdays in April and May from 6-7pm. We will not be serving dinner for the remainder of the school year.

4/7: He is Risen!

4/14: Jesus Appears to the Disciples

4/21: The Good Shepherd

4/28: The Vine and Branches

Calling all 4th-8th graders! If you would like to be put on the acolyte schedule for Sunday mornings, please contact Angie at 631-2768 or Christy in the church office.



We will have a brainstorming activity on Sunday, April 18 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Let's gather and discuss a high school Bible Study, fellowship activities and have some fun! There will be a snack! Please wear your masks!



CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND 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:

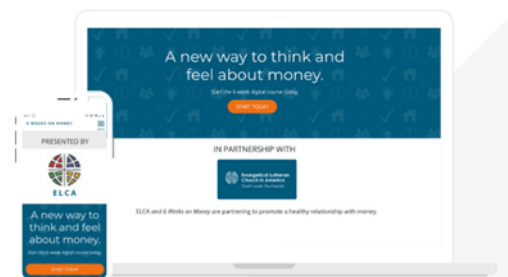
1. Attends Calvary Lutheran Church regularly and has had past record of two years attendance in Sunday School and/or worship.
2. Is a voting member as defined in the Calvary Lutheran Church Constitution Chapter 8 Part C8.02C.
3. Will be full time student as defined by the college attending.
4. Has not received scholarships from Calvary for more than eight college semesters (limit 3). Requests for scholarships exceeding the eight college semesters, will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

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You!*

Thank you so much for the very soft and comforting prayer shawl. It was comforting to read all the messages of prayers and God's Blessing for me. I love my church family and they are very special to me.

LaDonna Schmidt



Every night in every home



SHARE

highs and lows



READ

a Bible verse or story



TALK

about how the Bible
reading might relate to
your highs and lows



PRAY

for one another's highs
and lows



BLESS

one another

www.faith5.org

The 4G network developed by our own Nebraska Synod has produced a series of short video clips guiding you and your family, or a friend (or two, or three!) through a wonderfully simple devotional practice called the Faith 5. All you will need is your Bible, no devotional book, commentary or study book. (Oh, and a willingness to talk!)

Once a month we will highlight one of these videos with people across the Nebraska Synod sharing together this simple way to talk, pray and learn. They will literally demonstrate sharing their 'highs' and 'lows', reading a scripture text, talking about it, (simply adding your thoughts, not what a commentary or even Pastor has to say about it), then pray for one another's highs and lows and finally bless one another. (A simple, "May you be aware of God's presence this day." is sufficient.) There will be opportunities to pause the video and add your own highs/lows, comments, prayers and blessing.

You can do this with your family, (from toddlers to great-grandparent), a friend or neighbor, a fellow member of Calvary or even someone from another church. All you need is a Bible and a way to access the video.

For the members of Calvary, we are going to set up two trees, a 'Zoom' tree, (for those who wish to connect by computer) and a phone tree (for those without computers or internet access or who simply prefer to connect by phone). To participate, simply call, email or stop in the office and say, "*please add me to the phone tree or Zoom tree*" and we will do the rest.

We are also looking for people with internet access who would be willing to host one of the phone groups which means you would pull up the video and share it with those who are joining via phone. Once you have listened to the video together you would then share highs/lows, thoughts, prayers and blessings with one another.

The videos run a whole ten minutes! Which means you share/read/talk/pray/bless for another 10 minutes. The entire process can be done in 20 minutes! The overall theme of the scripture texts is generosity and encourages us to see our God as a generous God. We are starting with December's video which is #12 in the series. We will post the other 11 in no particular order. It doesn't matter. What matters is the opportunity to see (or listen to how Faith 5 can work for you and allow you to practice this. Sign up, or go ahead and create your group, establish a time that works, head to Calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and look for the video under 'Faith Formation'.

Any questions? Or for more information. Talk with Pastor Chris

We encourage every member of Calvary to participate in our monthly Mission Projects. April's project is the Bake-less Bake Sale. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the church office. Mark CLCW Mission Project on the envelop and leave it with, Christy, the Office Manager.

Thank you from the Women's Board.



Meeting times & places:

Hannah Study Group—Monday, April 5 @ 7 p.m. at Calvary's Fellowship Hall
Ruth Study Group—Wednesday, April 7 @ 10:00 a.m. at Calvary's Education Wing
Priscilla Study Group—Monday, April 12 @ 2 p.m. at Calvary's Fellowship Hall
Esther Study Group—Tuesday, April 13 @ 9:00 a.m. at Ruth Harris' home



ANOTHER BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Each Tuesday at noon a group of women meet at the church to study scripture together. Each study may run anywhere from 4 to 8 weeks, depending on the study. Please consider joining us for a study and some great conversations.

All ladies are invited to join any of these groups.



Men's Tuesday AM Bible Study is every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at Calvary's Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. We will continue our study of Acts. New members are always welcome.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutheran's) LUNCHEON

We are getting so much closer to being able to meet...but not quite yet! We will not meet in April, but weather permitting, we may be able to gather in May!

Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

Prayers for healing: **John Rahrs** (heart surgery—Val Rahrs' dad), **Kristi & Jack Baker** (health issues—Pam Eskam's daughter & son-in-law), **Barb Gorr** (recovering from back surgery), **Syl Holdt** (re-do knee surgery), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Ron Wegelin** (health issues), **Shirlie Schuldies** (health issues—mainly her heart), **Caleb Payne** (health issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Laynette Van Anne** (brain tumor—friend of Dee Brady), **La-Donna Schmidt** (colon cancer), **Bill Steele** (Recovering from COVID-19), **Beth Janecek** (Radiation), **Rich** (COVID-19 recovery—brother of Barb Gorr), **Cathy Rahrs** (rehab @ home), **Nancy & Tracy Steele** (COVID-19 health issues), **Harlan Meyer** (Lonnie Miller's uncle), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer—Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world: in this time of Covid-19 and general unsettledness. For everyone in need!

If you have Prayer Requests, please contact Nancy Steele through her e-mail—steelennlynne@gmail.com or phone her at 632-7558.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dave Holdt	4/2	Bob Zweifel	4/12
Lynn Margheim	4/4	Pat Smith	4/20
Bill Thomas	4/5	Dick Heidingsfelder	4/21
Greg Gingrich	4/6	Ron Wegelin	4/22
Will Voss	4/6	Trinity Burgner	4/28
Tanner Blumenkamp	4/9	Barry Bassett	4/28
Ruth Harris	4/9	Wanda Payne	4/29
Monty Copsey	4/9		



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:

PANCAKE MIX

This month's Backpack Program item:

MAC N CHEESE BOWLS

MAY will be:

OATMEAL
PUDDING CUPS

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, during the week you may notify Christy in the church office, let us know by filling out the online Attendance and Prayer Request card under the worship tab on our website or on Sunday morning, inform one of the ushers of your prayer request and they will make a list and give those to the pastor before worship begins.

Please save your
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receipts for the
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program!**

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Milk	2.50
Eggs	3.25
Muffins	4.50
Lettuce	1.50
Total	11.75
Thank you for shopping!	



Hymnal Available to Borrow

Do you miss being able to follow along with the music when we sing a hymn or song during worship? Hymnals are

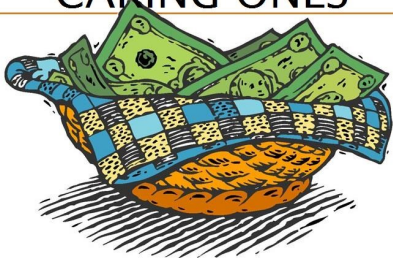
available to borrow for those who wish one. We only ask, per Governor Ricketts health directives if worshipping with us in person, that you bring it with you to worship and take it home with you after, rather than leaving it in the pew. Want to borrow a hymnal talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or one of the ushers.



REMEMBER D.O.V.E.S when traveling please bring back any hotel/motel unused shampoos, soaps, and lotions and place them in the D.O.V.E.S. box by Pastor Chris' office.

They are very much appreciated.

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If you or someone you know could use a Stephen Minister, please contact Nancy Steele (632-7558) or (641-7619) or Marsha Bueide (635-1469).

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!

Pastors Sheryl and Chris

Calvary's Church Office Phone number: (308) 632-8023 or 632-8024

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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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Worship videos and bulletins as well as the "Taking Faith Home" inserts are all available on our website.

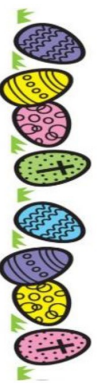
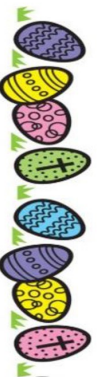
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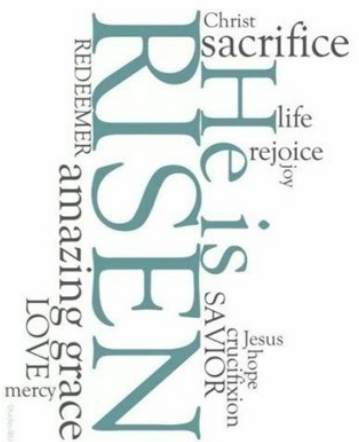
WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - APRIL 2021

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD
April 1 Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 p.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Kathy Randall	Dennis Gorr	Andi Dorn	Jeff Van Patten	
April 4 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Shari Copsey	Barb Jensen	Jack Martin	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
April 11 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Chris Jensen	Dennis Gorr	Mary Jo Huelle	Jeff Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
April 18 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Vicki Howell	Marti Wegelin	Bill Huelle	Andi Dorn	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
April 28 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Susan Martin	Dennis Gorr	Shawna Payne	Jeff Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh

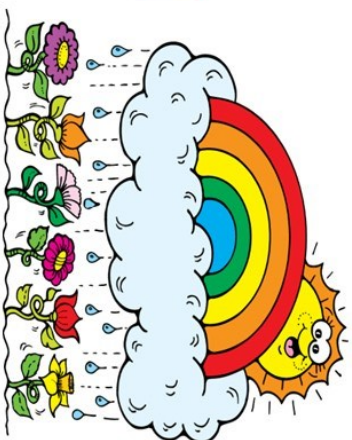
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please find a replacement and inform the church office. Thanks!





APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <h2>Alleluia!</h2> <p>Christ is risen!</p> </div>						
4 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion	5 7pm-Hannah Circle @ Fellowship Hall	6 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7:30pm-Confirmation on Zoom	7 10am-Ruth Circle 6pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	1 <u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> 6:30pm-Worship Choir Practice following worship	2 <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> 7:30pm-Worship: "Watch the Lamb"	3 <u>HOLY SATURDAY</u> 5:30pm-Worship Easter Vigil
11 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion	12 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall 6pm-Council	13 8:30am-Men's Study 9am-Esther Circle 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	14 6pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	15	16	17 9:00am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship
18 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion 5pm-EPIC-Fellowship Hall	19 5pm-Elders 6pm-Worship 6pm-Stewards	20 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7:30pm-Confirmation on Zoom <i>Deadline</i>	21 5:30pm-Social Ministry 6pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	22	23	24 5:30pm-Worship
25 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion	26 5pm-Panish Ed	27 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	28 6pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	29	30	



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