



Tidings 2020



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

BACKPACK BLESSING – Sunday, August 16, during worship. Bring your backpacks to church or have them in your worship space at home (if worshipping online) and receive God's blessing as you start off the new school year! Students, teachers and administrators are invited to participate in the year's blessing.



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

September 13, 2020

For God's Work, Our Hands Sunday we will again be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are asking you to collect the following supplies which we will assemble on Sunday, September 13 following worship. Please review the list carefully as **ONLY** the items listed below can be sent in the backpacks. Also please note, nothing can have religious messaging or patriotic symbols or camouflage. Collection boxes will be in the breezeway. Start collecting now and take advantage of 'Back to School' sales!!!



INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- 4--70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- 1--30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1--pencil sharpener
- 1--pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5--unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5--black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1--box of 16 or 24 crayons ONE 2 1/2" eraser
- 1--sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks) (Can be made by hand, go to the LWR website for instructions.)



You've heard this gag: "Life is a test. It is only a test. If this were an actual life, you'd have been given instructions."

Guess what? This *is* your real life. How you live it tells everyone what you think is important—and it tells God what you think is important. Jesus dares us to live a *fearless* life, one that loves beyond reason, trusts beyond expectation, hopes beyond the here-and-now, and gives beyond common sense; one that is lived fully open to what is possible to bring the Kingdom of God to our real lives, in our real world.

Real life is everywhere: in ourselves, in our families, at our work, with our neighbors, with our money, and, yes, in our church. What each and every one of us *does* matters to others and to God, because it has the power to enrich or deprive life of its full meaning, and it has the power to bring us closer to or further from God.

WE are beginning to plan for the fall, given that Covid-19 cases are rising at their fastest pace yet, in Florida, and coastal states are pulling back on re-opening plans, there is uncertainty about what ministry programming we should plan. This is not a fear based decision, we have a responsibility for our neighbor and that means keeping a real and active concern for everyone's health and well-being. Yet, we go where the Spirit leads us and trust God's plan is for a future with hope.

We have been attempting to continue God's work but must confess it hasn't been perfect. We have missed connecting with some because of the restrictions and missing alternative opportunities. To this we ask if you have a suggestion for us to try, please let us know. We, the staff and the lay leadership have not experienced ministering in times like this before. Reaching out to youth, planning Bible Studies, organizing social gatherings as we begin looking to fall seems all strange and new. Still we will plan, and we will forge ahead, and know that suggestions are welcome.

Yes, we are called to live, to live life to its fullest possible. And know this, we appreciate greatly those who have stepped forward and helped in the past few months. Especially we are grateful for the financial response; indeed, your continued financial support has been a source of encouragement, not only for us but for the council as well.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry and life!
Pastor Chris

Grow in the
grace and
knowledge of
Jesus
2 Peter 3:18

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

July 13, 2020

Acceptance of minutes – Minutes from the June council meeting were corrected to read Kaitlyn Todd will be returning to Concordia University in Seward rather than Seward College. Minutes were accepted with corrections.

Board/Committee Reports:

Outreach: August meeting will be held August 19th at 6:00 possibly at the church.

Elders: A change of office hours (8 to 2, instead of 9 to 3) for the summer were approved. Grant Hinze is working with Christy in order to help him with the day to day bookkeeping. Vacation Bible School is being provided virtually and Angie is doing a Zoom chat with kids on Monday mornings. Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester-Beyer will be going on vacation and Bill Huelle will be preaching and leading worship on July 26 & Aug. 2.

Trustees: Jim asked Mary Jo Huelle to report on the progress she had made for ideas to renovate the courtyard area. Mary Jo and Neal had reached out to Dick Meyer and Anita Gall. They had received information shortly before meeting time from Dick Meyer and they did not have time to go over it or send it to the Council. After looking at the plan as best as available it was decided more discussion was needed as to exactly the use for the space and how are we going to sustain it. Mary Jo was going to keep trying to reach out to Anita Gall as well. Further discussion was tabled until a later date.

Worship and Music: One more camera is still coming to complete the video/audio project. Dennis asked that the board approve the addition of Maunette Loeks to the Worship & Music board as a representative of the video/audio team. Appointment approved.

Stewards: Pastor they were looking at a simplified program for this fall; possibly some video options.

Parish Education: They are in week 4 of Virtual Vacation Bible School. They have been meeting at 10:00 Monday mornings virtually with 7 different kids; although not all have been in attendance at the same time. Using Faith Five which has been going well.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$21,012.84 Ending Balance: \$18,689.89
The PPP loan is still being disbursed as needed. Giving is up from a year ago.

Pastors/Staff Reports: They are 2 baptisms scheduled for Sunday, July 19th. Pastors will be starting vacation after church on July 19th. Bill Huelle will be covering for them and other pastors for Funerals if needed and Nancy Steele for health care concerns of parishioners. August 9th there will be an organ concert by Royce Eckhardt, a former Scottsbluff resident as a part of a family celebration. This was approved by discussion through e-mails with the council– this is a private one time request which will be allowed with a charge of \$100. The congregation will be invited to attend

Old Business:

Grant has been working with Christy for bill paying and payroll. All is going well.

Worship comments – Worship has been in the low 40's on Sunday mornings and around 15 Saturday nights. Drive through communion has been 10 to 12 persons each week with 5 or 6 vehicles. It was felt that the drive-up communion was going well but some concern was brought up about lost parking for those attending. After discussion it was agreed there wasn't really anyway to rectify that concern. It is not known if Phase 3 will be extended beyond July 31st.

Insurance – Jim Dorn reported he had received some new deductibles from Jackie with JG Elliott. After discussion a motion was made by Grant Hinze and seconded by Dennis Gorr to accept the bid from JG Elliott Company moving the insured Company from Guide One to Grinnell Mutual with a deductible of \$2,500.00 (present deductible is \$33,000) and annual premium of \$13,216.00 which is comparable to our present premium with Guide One. Voted to switch insurance to Grinnell Mutual.

New Business:

Review of Fall programing –There was discussion and concerns as to how these programs might continue and still satisfy the mission and fellowship needs while following appropriate guidelines. One concern is the serving of foods.

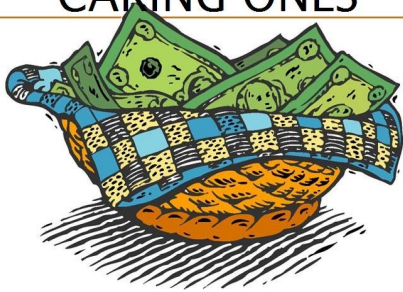
Confirmation is not as large of a concern as there will only be a few confirmands and social distancing would not be difficult. It was felt JAM and EPIC youth program should follow the Panhandle Unified Command Guidelines to Local Schools. Bible study programs will be encouraged to meet at church instead of personal homes in order to assure enough space to meet the 6 foot physical distance guidelines.

An annual fund raiser to Heart of the Hills in Sullivan Hills is approaching. A line item of \$500 is a budget item for this year. It was asked by Pastors that Grant generate the check to complete that line item for this year.

Next Council Meeting: August 10, 2020

A complete copy of the Council Minutes are available on request in the church office.

CARING ONES



Drop those odd dollar bills in the offering plate
to benefit
Lutheran World Hunger,
Cat/Pup Packs Backpack Programs,
Lakota Lutheran Center



Donna Hackman and her family would like to thank everyone who took the time to write thoughtful, kind and encouraging cards to her for her 90th birthday. As each card was read to her, she reminisced the joyous memories she had with each person. This process was truly a blessing and encouragement. Thank you all for making Donna's 90th birthday so special!

Men's Bible Study

Men's Tuesday Bible study will resume on September 8, at 8:30 a.m. We will be studying the book of Acts, a study by Warren Wiersbe, Be Dynamic. We would love to have you share an hour of your time with us. Please join us in the fellowship hall or by giving Christy your email to join us through Zoom.



Hannah, Ruth, Esther, and Priscilla study groups will begin meeting again in September. Look for more details at a later date. The Tuesday noon and Thursday evening Bible study groups will be decided at a later date.

Prayers are being asked for Linda Spomer along with her surgical team while she has Aortic Valve Replacement Heart Surgery at Heart Center of the Rockies in Loveland, CO on August 20th.



REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR PANHANDLE CO-OP RECEIPTS

Please continue to save those Co-Op receipts and drop them in the box outside Pastor Chris' office. Proceeds for these receipts will benefit the Scottsbluff/Gering CatPack and PupPack programs.

\$10,000 in receipts = \$1,000 for the program.



Our mission project continues this month to help the D.O.V.E.S. organization. Domestic violence exists even in our community. Scottsbluff/Gering provides a 24 - hour crisis hotline and shelter for those trying to escape the abuse. The shelter is always grateful for donations of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, household items (dishes, silverware, pots & pans, other kitchen utensils), toys, books, sanitary supplies and grooming items. Don't forget to pick up the shampoos, soap, conditioner, etc. from your motel/hotel stays. Cash donations may be placed in an envelope and marked WELCA Project. Thank you for your support.

Worship With Us Live and Online

To worship with us live and online, simply log on to Facebook and go to our Facebook page: *Calvary Lutheran Scottsbluff*, a few minutes before the worship start time. You will need to scroll down our Facebook page until you see a video with a red button that says live, click on the 'play' arrow to activate the live video, and then make sure the sound isn't muted. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT**, there is now a link on our website: calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org, that will allow you to watch our worship services live event without an account (look for the underlined word LINK and click on it. Please feel free to ignore Facebook's attempt to have you log-in or create an account!) We will also save the video to our Facebook page for viewing at a later time. Bulletins with congregational responses and hymns for the worship services will be placed on our website and also emailed to everyone who is on our Calvary Lutheran email list, so you may download or print off the bulletin ahead of time to more fully participate in the worship service wherever you may be. The bulletin will also include weekly announcements and prayer lists. Not on our Calvary email list? Contact the church office, and give us your email address and we will be happy to add you to our list.



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Scan the QR code to the right or go to our website:
www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org
to set up your giving to Calvary electronically.



Prayer Requests

Prayers for healing: **John, Judy Luenenborg** (abdominal problems—Deanna Zweifel's sister-in-law), **Jay Judd** (Recovering at Residency), **Betty Kenyon** (continued growth in progress & strength—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **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), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

Prayers for comfort and peace: For Shirlye Schuldies & Shawn on the death of Shirlye's sister, For the family and friends of **Alice Shriver**.

Prayers of thanksgiving: For **Jim Rahrs** (brother of Valerie Rahrs)

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19 and unsettledness and for the dry conditions that impact our farming families.

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

Parent Meetings

PARENT CONFIRMATION MEETING

Wednesday, September 2nd
6:30 p.m.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Lansen Fleenor	8/2	Andrea Dorn	8/13
Deanna Zweifel	8/2	Barb Gorr	8/14
Travis Miller	8/4	Michelle Smith	8/15
Jo Heidingsfelder	8/4	Lou Kleager	8/16
Sheila Miller	8/4	Kinsey Kleensang	8/23
Craig Smith	8/6	Stephanie Todd	8/25
Gracee Michael	8/7	Kacey Fleenor	8/29
Becky Michael	8/9	Rick Keller	8/30
Carolyn Jensen	8/12		

If we missed your birthday, please let us know!

Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

It's Easy!

1. Go to your device's App Store.
2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.



We **ENCOURAGE** every family of Calvary to support our area Food Pantry and Backpack Program. 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:
PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

This month's Backpack Program item:
PEANUT BUTTER 16 OZ.

SEPTEMBER'S items will be:
SOUPS
SMALL CEREALS



If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, 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

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

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WEBSITE

www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org




FIND US ONLINE!!!!

The worship bulletin, announcements as well as the "Taking Faith Home" inserts are all available on our website. Worship podcasts from sermons by Pastors Sheryl and Chris are also available to listen to.

Just go to www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the worship tab.



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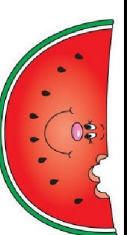
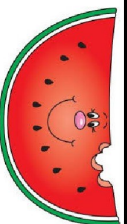
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WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - AUGUST 2020

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD
August 2 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	LaDonna Schmidt Vicki Howell	Susan Martin	No Communion	Matt Payne	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele
August 9 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Jack Martin	Marti Weglin	Bill Huelle	Mary Jo Huelle	Jeff Van Patten	Andi Dorn Carmen Kleager Shelly Koehler Jessica Laughlin
August 16 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Angie Hinze	Dennis Gorr	Shawna Payne	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
August 23 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Kathy Randall	Bill Huelle	Andi Dorn	Jeff Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele
August 30 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	LaDonna Schmidt	Dennis Gorr	Jack Martin	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Andi Dorn Carmen Kleager Shelly Koehler Jessica Laughlin

If you are unable to serve,

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





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