



Tidings 2021



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

BACKPACK BLESSING – Sunday, August 15, 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, administrators and staff are also invited for our Backpack blessing.



Blessing
of the Backpacks

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

October 10, 2021

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, October 10 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.)



As you come toward the end of another summer, I have a challenge for you. First a reflection on that difficult text from Luke. Two sisters, one family. Each expressed her devotion to Jesus, either in action or in reflection. Martha was given to serving and achieving as a way of honoring Jesus, their guest; Mary was given to attentiveness and conversation. When being and doing have found a balance within us there is the possibility of health and wholeness. Our being must be fed and nurtured if our doing is to be strong and wise. It is the message Martha needed to hear from Mary to be sure, but it was also a message that Mary needed to hear from Martha. Mary's listening and Martha's serving were complementary parts of the same whole; each needed the other. The power and energy of a melody is only half-strength without the imagination and images of the lyrics.

"Faith without works is dead," James wrote, and so also works without faith. Words without deeds are dead, as are agendas without actions, worship without education, leadership without discipleship. We are invited into a relationship of honoring our guest that requires our hearts as well as our hands. In the balance we will find completeness. For life is lived in this ebb and flow of rest and work. Grace and growth can happen amid the rhythm of reflection and action. Only do not be distracted from the one thing that is needful: the presence of the guest who brings grace and understanding to our living. We should never be so consumed by our tasks or so lost in our thoughts that we fail to live in relationship with the source of all life—Jesus.

Balance. Covid shook up our sense of balance. We are still wobbling and attempting to regain it. You see it in Churches and in Wall Street. The challenge for us is now ministering to an online and in-person world and the question before us is, "How do we now find a balance?" We have people we are connecting with via the internet and livestream but not in person. We have faithful in-person members that do not connect with us online. How do we reach both? Like the challenge of Martha and Mary, listening and serving, we must work to do both and do both to the best of our abilities. Specifically, how do we connect the non-online and the online together? Is it possible? Is it something we can achieve? Second, how do we use our online presence to draw others into an in-person connection while understanding for various reasons they may still be hesitant to have contact with a large or even a small group? Balance, hopefully something we can achieve and help us to grow.

Pastor Chris

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

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

July 12, 2021

Minutes will be corrected to add the discussion of showing our appreciation to the Fire Department for their help in testing the Tower Bells. It was decided we would offer tickets to our annual Barbecue for 2022 to them.

Board and Committee Reports:

Outreach: VBS invites have been developed and will be mailed out end of this week. Facebook Page graphic is being developed. Whiting Signs will be installing the Mission Statement on the wall in the narthex this week.

Trustees: Parking Lot has been paved & striped; Discussion of how to remove pigeons that have taken up residence in courtyard; discussion of some new gutters; new doors have been installed but electric will still need to be installed for the motorized electric connection; discussion of continuing the installation of the Ring Doorbell process

Parish Education: the board did not meet but Angie reported that Owls had met with an attendance of 10 and a meal and movie was enjoyed. They will continue meeting. Vacation Bible School will be July 23-25th and mailers will be mailed to notify Congregation and anyone interested in coming. They are working on the programming.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$ 56,867.10 Ending Balance: \$ 55,910.94

Pastor/Staff Reports: Pastors had been on vacation. They are continuing working on Shut-in Visitations. They also will be talking to Nancy about getting the Deacons back to taking communion to our shut-ins on a monthly basis.

Old Business: Ice Cream Social 9-12-2021 to be headed by Council – Dennis Gorr graciously volunteered to head this up for the council, Received a Thank You Letter of appreciation from Sullivan Hills Camp for our gift of \$500

New Business: Hybrid Church Webinar Series – Pastors presented a webinar series which will be an overview of several areas of congregational ministry and reflect on how to begin to move every aspect of church life to a dual platform – on-the-ground and online. This “hybrid” kind of ministry will be the new norm for the next season in most congregations’ work. After discussion it was decided we would, as the Church Council participate in this 5 week series beginning on July 26th. It was decided we would have it available at the church and online for those who could not attend. This will be advertised and offered to the congregation as well. Pastors will be getting information of how to register for this and completing the electronic part to be presented in the church over already established communication. It was also decided not to have an August 9th Council Board meeting in lieu of this presentation.

Next Council Meeting: August 9, 2021

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



OWLS (Older,Wiser Lutheran's) LUNCHEON

August 4 @ 12:00 p.m

Come enjoy sloppy joes and then beat the heat with fun,
fellowship & games in the Fellowship Hall!
Come join us for a fun afternoon!



Meeting times & places:

Priscilla Study Group—Monday, August 9 @ 2 p.m. at Calvary's Fellowship Hall
Esther Study Group—Tuesday, August 10 @ 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, please join Wally, Pastor Chris, Ron, Neal & Glen on Tuesday, September 14, at 8:30 a.m. for Bible Study in the fellowship hall. We will study Paul's letter to the Galatians and expand on the belief that we are sanctified not by legalistic works but by the obedience that comes from faith in God's work for him, in him and through him by the grace and power of Christ and the Holy Spirit.
Study by the Wiersbe Bible Study Series.*

Please save your Main Street Market (Panhandle Coop) receipts for the backpack program.

**\$100,000 in receipts =
\$1,000 for the program!**

Main Street Market <small>A DIVISION OF PANHANDLE COOP</small>	
Milk	2.50
Eggs	3.25
Muffins	4.50
Lettuce	1.50
Total	11.75
Thank you for shopping!	

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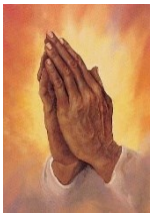
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www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org
to set up your giving to Calvary electronically.





Our mission this month is monetary support for the D.O.V.E.S. shelter. Domestic Violence is alive in our local communities. Scottsbluff/Gering provides access to 24 hour crisis hotline and a shelter so those trying to escape abuse may find refuge. The shelter is always grateful for donations for the shelter and to help people set up new households. Household items and personal care items are also needed. Don't forget to collect your unused toiletry items when traveling and staying in hotels. Thank you for your support.

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)



BECOMING A HYBRID CHURCH

Hybrid Church Webinar Series starting July 26th: Forced to scramble to go online in just a few weeks during the COVID pandemic, the church has discovered the online world is far more than a replacement for the yellow pages. It is a place where genuine community and real ministry happens.

"Hybrid" ministry, as its being called will be the new norm for the next season in most congregations' life and ministry. Through this series we will be invited to explore what hybrid ministry might look like for the church in the coming years.

The Church Council would like to invite anyone in the congregation that is interested to join them in the sanctuary for the Hybrid Church Webinar. The Hybrid Church Webinar series consists of 5 sessions on Monday evenings July 26 -August 23 from 6 - 7 p.m. All are welcome.



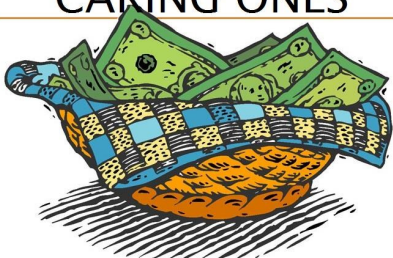
Ice Cream Social/ Generosity Project

September 12

Join us September 12 for our first ever Generosity Project Event starting at 9 a.m., worship service at 10 a.m. and then following worship we will be having an ice cream social hosted by the Council.



CARING ONES



**Drop those odd dollar bills in the
offering plate to benefit
Lutheran World Hunger,
Cat/Pup Pack Backpacks Program,
Lakota Lutheran Center**

Thank You

Thank you to the Planning Council and the Board of Elders for the wonderful reception to honor my 25th Anniversary of my PMA certificate. Thank you to everyone who stopped by; for your cards, gifts, kind words and support. I have enjoyed this faith journey with you all over these many years.

My life has been blessed.

Thank you.

Nancy Steele

Thank You

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the lovely luncheon and fellowship celebrating my "retirement" as treasurer for WELCA for the past 16 years. Thank you Joan, Nancy and your helpers as well as those sharing the fellowship with me. I appreciated the opportunity to have been able to serve as your treasurer.

Blessings to All.

Jan Wylie

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and well wishes we received for our 70th wedding anniversary. The meant a lot to us. We are truly blessed to be apart of this wonderful church family.

God's Blessings to All.

Wes & Elnora Sell

Thank you

Dear Calvary Friends,

We feel so fortunate to have met friends like all of you at Calvary Lutheran Church! Your support, laughter, meals, encouragement, teaching, quilts, prayer shawls, and prayers over the past 21 years have been such a blessing! You became more than friends and turned into family! Thank you for the thoughtful words, hugs, and well wishes on that final Sunday. Pastor Sheryl, the words of your blessing were so well-spoken, and Pastor Chris, we'll never forget all of your support and Confirmation teaching as well. Angie, we have your pinwheel right on our back deck to remind us of the many good memories, youth sermons, and EPIC days! We were lucky to meet so many wonderful Lutherans under one roof and pray that God continues to guide you on your journey in ministry!

With so much love and keeping you all in our prayers,
Bill, Becky, Liv, and Grace Michael

thank you!

On behalf of the Parish Education Committee, I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make our "Anchored" Vacation Bible School experience a success! We deepened our faith in God just as we imagined deep sea diving in the ocean! We had Bible adventures, crafts, music, and of course lots of water games! Special thanks to Val Rahrs, Becky Martin, Lynn Margheim, Joan Smith, Sydney Hinze, Jack Hinze, Christy Thompson, Pastor Chris, Pastor Sheryl, our EPIC crew helpers, and everyone who brought their kids to join in the fun! We definitely deepened our faith in God! Trust God!

Thank you.

Angie Hinze

Prayer Requests

Prayers for healing: **Maddie Seiler** (successful surgery—friend of Dee Brady), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker's great grandson), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Lorene** (cancer—Mike Belgum's mother), **Teigen Brunner** (Healing—Deb Brown's grandson), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for: **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regards to son Liam—Jude Walker's granddaughter & husband), **Rebecca E.** (spiritual discernment at her job).

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 1st
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!

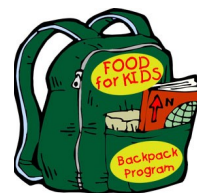
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We **ENCOURAGE** every family of Calvary to support our area Food Pantry and Backpack Program. The pantries provide important services to those in need and can really help aid those families who are less fortunate.

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

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 Tidings newsletter is the 20th of each month. Please send your items to Christy the church office.

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www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org

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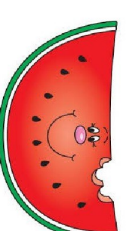
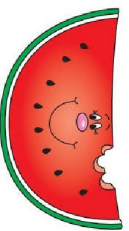
Worship videos and bulletins as well as the "Taking Faith Home" inserts are all available on our website.

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - AUGUST 2021




DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD
August 1 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Vicki Howell	Angie Hinze		Matt Payne Jacey Cochran	Jeff Van Patten	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
August 8 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Marti Wegelein	Barb Jensen	Mary Jo Huelle Micaela Hess	Chris Jensen & Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
August 15 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Kathy Randall	Dennis Gorr	Shawna Payne Josh Miller	Jeff Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
August 22 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Susan Martin	Shari Copsey	Andi Dorn Ayden Tompkins	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
August 29 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Vicki Howell	Dennis Gorr	Jack Martin Ben Moravec	Chris Jensen	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh

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





2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am-Worship	2 6-7pm-Hybrid Church Webinar @ Calvary	3 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	4 12pm-OWLS Lunch	5	6	7 5:30 pm-Worship
8 10 am-Worship	9 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall 6-7pm-Hybrid Church Webinar @ Calvary	10 9am-Esther Circle 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	11	12	13	14 5:30 pm-Worship
15 10 am-Worship & Backpack Blessing 	16 5 pm-Elders 6-7pm-Hybrid Church Webinar @ Calvary 6 pm-Worship & Music 6 pm-Stewards	17 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	18 5pm-Social Ministry 6:15pm-Outreach	19	20 	21 9am-Trustees 5:30 pm-Worship
22 10 am-Worship	23 6-7pm-Hybrid Church Webinar @ Calvary	24 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	25	26	27	28 5:30 pm-Worship
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