



CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH ELCA

Tidings 2023



“Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ’s love.”

Worship in the Park, Sunday August 20th

Join us on Sunday, August 20th @ 10:00 a.m. for Worship in the Park. We will be at Frank Park under the gazebo across the street from the church. Worship will be followed by a congregational picnic.

For the picnic, the Church Council will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, plates, and silverware, while the congregation is asked to provide salads, sides, and desserts. Watch for sign-up sheets as we get closer to the date. To save on having to carry chairs across the street, the congregation is also encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.



Plan now for a fun and celebratory worship service and opportunity for fellowship.

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

OWLS will be meeting **September 6th**.

Come enjoy a BBQ. Then stay for

fellowship & some fun games in the Fellowship Hall!

Come join us for a fun afternoon!



Our first JAM meeting will be Wednesday, September 6!

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.

Our first EPIC meeting will be Sunday, September 10!

Our middle school/high school youth group is for kids in 7th-12th grade. We will begin our year with an outdoor picnic/lake party at Wally and Kathy Randall's home. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. and drive out to the Randall home. We will have hot dogs/chips and dessert and then have some fun swimming in their private lake. Bring a friend and don't miss out on this fun time! Bring your swimsuit, your towel, and plan for a fun time!



Ready, Set, Go!

In the Great Commission, Jesus calls us to GO. Let us take those words to heart. The Nebraska Synod is embarking on a year-long focus to “Go and....”.

You are invited to be part of this GO. You can lean in as God's people called, gathered, and sent to “Go and...”. Starting in June the year was kicked off with 12 intentional themes: pray, listen, share your story, serve with neighbors, ask, be honest, be present, rest, have the conversation, be intentional, tell the story, and be the church.

In June we started off with Pray. Prayer is the grounding for our relationship with God. Our lives are filled with formal prayers and spontaneous prayers. Where will you Go and... grow your prayer life?

July brought us to listen. How do we listen with our full selves? In reality, all of our senses are used when we listen. In a year of GOING, how will you listen to those around you?

August brings us to “Share Your Story”. Children freely share their stories-often full of action, sound effects, and details that bring a story to life. We all have a story to share. Stories of families, friendships, histories, and faith. What is your story? Where are you GOING to share your story?



GO AND...



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BE CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

July 10, 2023

Acceptance of Agenda – Grant Hinze moved to accept; Deb Brown 2nd – accepted. Acceptance of minutes from June 12, 2023: Bill Huelle moved to accept; Shari Copsey 2nd – accepted.

Board/Committee Reports:

Trustees: We are having issues with the AC unit. We have bids out to fix the issue. It could possibly cost around \$20,000.

Worship & Music: We have a new musician to start the weekend of 7/15-7/16. Her name is Tahnee Hutchinson. She is fluent with the piano and is very interested in learning how to play the organ. She has already met with Rhonda and is taking instruction from her and doing quite well. The confirmation materials are getting all lined up and ready for the fall.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance for May: \$24,795 Ending Balance: \$23,644

Pastor's /Staff Reports: PMA Bill Huelle reported that we have a connection with someone on hospice and we may have a funeral at our church in the near future. Bill shared that he has been authorized to conduct weddings and funerals. He also is authorized by the Synod to deliver the Sacraments. Bill is very grateful for the volunteers and the help that he has received. He emphasized for members to help where they can and to keep a positive attitude!

Old Business: Mary Jo Huelle reported that the directory has been updated. Reminder that the church service in the park will be on 8/27/23 (**Now changed to 8/20/23**). We discussed the time/talent sheets. Grant will take care of this. Possibly hand them out in September/October. Maybe we need to relabel the sheets. "Find a need and fill it", or "how can I help?"-these were a couple of examples. Bill and Angie have discussed confirmation and are working on it.

New Business: Rhonda will be retiring in September. Deb Brown and Shari Copsey are planning a recognition party. Bill Huelle shared more about the new pianist Tahnee Hutchinson. PMA Bill Huelle reported that he is authorized to give the Sacraments, and to also perform weddings and funerals at this time.

Next Meeting: August 14, 2023

In addition, we had a vote taken via email on 2 items. The following motions need no second as they come from the Board of Stewards:

#1-A motion to update authorized signatories for Calvary Lutheran Church accounts held at Platte Valley Bank-specifically the Common account and the General account: Grant Hinze, Jack Martin & Shari Copsey. All previous signatories for the above accounts (except for those named above) shall be removed. Signatories will also be allowed to invest funds from these accounts into Certificate of Deposit at Platte Valley Bank.

***Passed unanimously

#2-A motion to invest up to \$50,000 from the Common Account into a Certificate of Deposit at Platte Valley Bank. ***Passed unanimously

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

Sing Praise to the Lord!

Calvary's **Choir practice** will be starting on Wednesday, August 30th at 7pm in the **Choir Loft**. If you love to **sing God's Praise**, you are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Call Becky Martin at 436-3993.



CLCW August Mission Project

Our mission project for August is the Cooperative Ministries Backpack Program (CatPacks/PupPacks). This project helps students in the Scottsbluff and Gering Public Schools who might have a difficult time finding meals on the weekends at home. Students must qualify to receive a backpack that is sent home with them on Friday and returned to school on Monday. Food items needed are listed in the bulletins and in the Tidings. These items may be placed in containers by the Fellowship Hall doors. Cash donations may be placed in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



We are going to continue our VBS mission by collecting blankets, towels, food, toys, and any other supplies that the Panhandle Humane Society may need to care for all of the animals that are waiting for their forever families. We will accept donations through the second week of September, since we are going to kick off our JAM with some Pets Unleashed activities. You can put your donations in the fellowship hall by our "pet park."

thank you!

Dear Calvary Council,

Thank you for continuing to support valuable youth programs like VBS. The lessons learned, laughter shared & fellowship for our two kiddos have meant the world to us. We can't imagine a church without an environment like this for them.

The volunteers who make it possible, a supportive council & a loving congregation...we appreciate you all in this season of life!

With Love,
The Paynes



Hannah, Priscilla and Tuesday noon study groups will begin meeting again in September. Look for more details at a later date.



A Furtastic Thank You!

Thank you very much to everyone who helped make our Pets Unleashed Weekend VBS such a success! Thank you to Val Rahrs, Becky Martin, and Bill Huelle for being such a huge part in pulling off each evening and Saturday morning from start to finish. Thank you to Joan Smith, Tracy Steele, and Andi Dorn for being the most awesome kitchen gals there ever were! Thank you to Maunette Loeks and Gail Bruflat for your food donations! Thank you to Grant Hinze for bringing Cooper each day to be a part of VBS! And a special thank you to Bill Huelle for providing the pet blessings for our dogs, cats, turtles, rabbits, birds, and squirrels on Saturday morning! Thank you to the parents who brought their kids so we could have loads of fun with them!

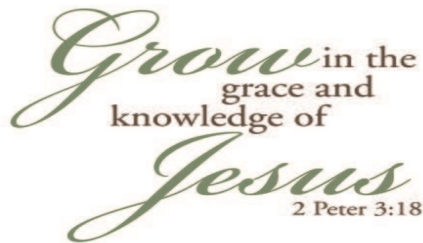
Thank you,
Angie

Prayer Requests

†In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Aimee Roos** (colon cancer & critical kidney disease—Penny Stevens' nephew's wife), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **Marsha Bueide** (recovering), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Susan Martin** (recovering from a fall), **Linda Spomer** (healing/pain from broken back), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).



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!

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2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
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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:
16 OZ JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER

SEPTEMBER'S items will be:
SOUPS
SMALL CEREALS

The Stephen Ministry Symbol



REACH OUT - TODAY! If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, or if you are interested in becoming a Stephen's Minister, please contact Bill Huelle (308)631-3389 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!

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

Contact the Office by E-mail at: calvarylutheranscottsbluff@gmail.com

Send physical mail/offerings to: 17 E. 27th Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361.

PMA Bill Huelle:

Youth & Family Ministry Dir. Angie Hinze:

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

Find us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/calvarylutheranscottsbluff>

WEBSITE

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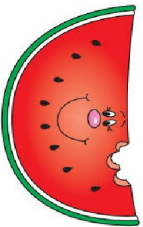
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Worship videos and bulletins as well as the "Taking Faith Home" inserts are all available on our website.

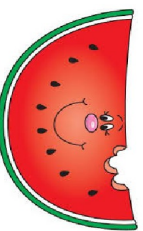
Just go to www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the worship tab.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - AUGUST 2023

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO	ALTAR GUILD
August 6 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Marti Wegelin	No Communion	Andi Dorn Merrick Walsh Rhyann Buckley	Chris Jensen Jim Dorn	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
August 13 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Mary Jo Huelle	Barb Jensen (Head) Rick Margheim Lynn Margheim	Matt Payne Jack Judy Ben Moravec	Jeff Van Patten Jack Martin	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
August 20 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Angie Hinze	Vicki Howell (Head) Deb Brown Marlene Downer	Worship in the Park	Worship in the Park	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
August 27 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Vicki Howell	Shari Copsey	Jack Martin (Head) Becky Martin Abby Newsom	Shawna Payne DaKota Newsom Brynlee Payne	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jeff Van Patten	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler




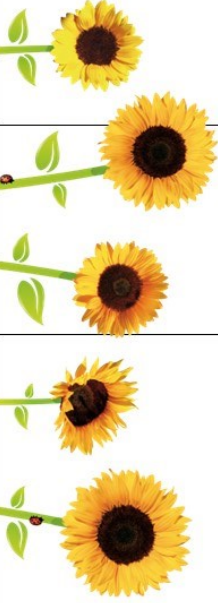
If you are unable to serve,
please find a replacement and inform the church office. Thanks!





Back To School

2023

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1pm-Quilting	2	3	4	5 5:30pm-Worship
6 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	7	8 1pm-Quilting	9	10 11:30am-Exec Comm	11	12 5:30pm-Worship	
13 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	14 6 pm-Council Mtg	15 1pm-Quilting	16 5:30 pm-Social Ministry	17	18 	19 9am-Trustees NO Worship	
20 10am-Worship in the Park followed by picnic	21 5pm-Elders 6pm-Worship 6pm-Stewards	22 1pm-Quilting	23	24	25	26 5:30pm-Worship	
27 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	28 5pm-Panish Ed	29 1pm-Quilting	30 7pm-Choir Practice Begins	31			



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