



TIDINGS 2020



Join us following worship on
Sunday, February 2, for the



There will be delicious homemade soups
and desserts.

Sponsored by our Calvary Youth,
the free will offering will go to our
local Cat/PupPack Programs.



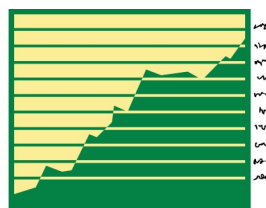
Bell Ringer Award

Presented to

Calvary Lutheran Church

In recognition of your generous service to the community through

The Salvation Army Christmas Effort



Annual Giving Statements

The 2019 Giving
Statements will be
mailed the end of
January. If for some
reason you do not
receive your statement
or you have a question
about it, please

contact the church office. Thanks!

The Stewardship Committee



SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP

**Every Session of Camp is
FREE this summer!!!**

Yep, you read that right.

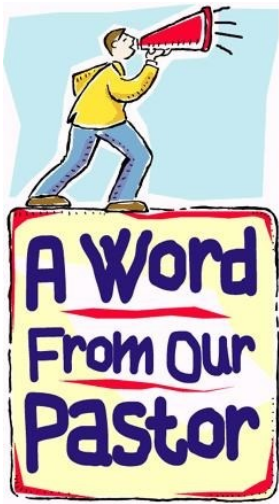
Campers can come to **Sullivan Hills Camp** (our
Lutheran Bible Camp just 10 miles from
Lodgepole, NE) for **FREE** in 2020!

Incredibly generous donors have subsidized the
entire cost of camp to make sure every child can
have a fun and faith-filled week at camp.

Please note that a \$50 deposit is required to
register, but it will be returned after your camper
attends camp. Registrations are on a first-come,
first-serve basis, so sign up soon to reserve a spot!

To register your child for Summer Camp or
for more information go to
www.sullivanhills.org





“Jesus...led them up a high mountain apart...and he was transfigured before them.”
Mark 9:2

On Sunday, February 23rd we will celebrate the “Transfiguration of our Lord”—a day when we pause to catch a glimpse of Jesus’ glory before we watch as he journeys to the cross. When we see Jesus’ suffering and death it may sometimes be hard to see how God can truly be present in something so horrendous. Somewhere along the way I came across this reflection by Travis Tamerius using Lewis Carroll’s ‘Through the Looking-Glass’ to remind us that sometimes, we need to ‘practice believing the impossible.’

“In Lewis Carroll’s Through the Looking-Glass, Alice expresses her inability to believe impossible things. The Queen responds in the following fashion: “I dare say you haven’t had much practice. When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I’ve believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.”

If you’re like me, what you do before breakfast is routine. From rising out of bed to pouring the first cup of coffee, the pattern is fairly predictable. The Queen in Through the Looking-Glass suggests we add another item to our list of things to do before breakfast: Practice believing the impossible.

Good advice. We need help in seeing that which is unseen, noticing the beautiful, and believing that God is present right now, at this time in our lives, and right here in this particular place. We need practice believing that wonderfully more is going on in the world than what we see in the mirror or read in the newspaper.

Fortunately, certain habits train the mind to see invisibilities. The Queen advises Alice to “draw a long breath” and “shut [her] eyes” in order to believe impossibilities. In the same way, devotion to prayer and meditation on scripture can open our eyes to God’s presence in the life we already know.”

As we move from Transfiguration Sunday to Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent at the end of this month, I imagine that some of you have been thinking about what you might give up for Lent this year and if you are, that’s fine; but more than giving something up, I’d like to encourage you to make time for ‘devotion to prayer and meditation on scripture’ so God can open your eyes to see God’s presence in the life we already know.

To that end, for our Wednesday night Lenten services this year, we will be revisiting our theme from last year “Unbusy: Making Time for an Unhurried God.” Many of you commented on how much you appreciated this theme last year and since a couple of Wednesday nights got snowed out a year ago, we never actually completed our Lenten series. So, join us on Wednesday nights as we take a fresh look at what it means to become un-busy in a world that too often cherishes busyness.

Blessings,
Pastor Sheryl

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!

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

January 13, 2019

Nominating Committee – Positions filled, except we still need a chair for the Stewards Board. Gave Council a listing of all positions; Council voted to approve the nominating ballot for the annual meeting and voted to approve all appointments to boards and committees as presented.

Scholarship Committee – No report.

Endowment Committee – Approved the following disbursements: Lakota Lutheran Center-\$936; NLOM, Sullivan Hills Bible Camp-\$2500; Calvary Quilters-\$350; CLCW-\$750; Weekend Backpacks Program-\$1000.

Approved setting up a Time Deposit Open Account Platte Valley Bank for remainder of funds needing to be disbursed, and additional applications will be accepted until May 31, 2020.

Board/Committee Reports:

Trustees - No major problems anywhere.

Worship & Music - Christmas services had 260 attending. Lenten meals are available for claiming, 4 Wednesdays in March and 1 in April.

Stewards – Budget inputs were reviewed, reduction of Office Manager budget due to reducing office hours; 3% increase in all salaries; Synod contribution increased to \$20,100; Total budget proposed for approval is \$307,991.

Parish Education – Souper Bowl luncheon will be Feb 2nd, donated soups and desserts as the meal. Will talk to Spencer Blomenkamp to see if we can get Runza chili bowls to use. Youth will not do meal after the Annual Meeting. Meeting for June 2021 National Minneapolis Youth Group yesterday, now have 15 interested. Caroling party and Christmas program were good.

Financial Report: Grant Hinze reporting transferred \$6,000 to the Contingency Fund as budgeted. Contingency Fund now has a balance of \$25,000

Beginning Balance: \$5,615.

Ending Balance: \$7,215

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be February 10.

A complete copy of the council minutes is available in the church office.

We encourage every member of Calvary to participate in our monthly Mission Projects. In February, we continue to collect monetary donations to send to the ELCA for their Malaria Campaign. This is a preventable, treatable disease that kills thousands of men, women, and children every year. Help in the fight against malaria. Thank you from the Women's Board.

Fighting Malaria



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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

"We Are Called" continues our studies for 2020. In February we will be listening to The Call of Jesus. We will again experience the calling of Jesus' disciples, on the call to Saul (Paul), and Jesus' call to all Christians to take up the cross and follow. Come and join one of these study groups for good conversation and fellowship.

Meeting times are as follows:

Monday, Feb. 3 – Hannah Study Group - 7:00 pm at Beth Janecek's home
50169 Hilyard Dr., Mitchell

Tuesday, Feb. 4 – Priscilla Study Group - 7:30 pm at Angie Hinze's home
615 Valley View Dr. SB

Wednesday, Feb. 5– Ruth Study Group - 10:00 am at the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 11 – Esther Study Group @ 9:00 am @ Ruth Harris' home
9 Brentwood Ct. SB

All women are invited to join any of these groups.



Adult Mission Trip 2020

Saturday, February 29, 8 am to Sunday, March 8, 6 pm

Houston, Texas

We will work through Rebuilding Together Houston on home repairs due to Hurricane Harvey, 2017. We will stay at Mission Center of Houston. Cost will be \$170 for lodging and meals while there. Additional costs will include transportation to and from Houston, a motel night both down and back, meals while traveling, and one meal out during the week.

Registration is now open on the Nebraska Synod website (nebraskasynod.org), click on events, events calendar, February 2020, then click on the 29th for more information and the registration link.

In Our Prayers

±In Our Thoughts and Prayers±

Prayers for healing: **Mabel Deadlow** (healing), **Twila Aschenbrenner** (recovering from surgery), **Fred Shriver** (recovering from a heart attack—son of Kenny and Alice), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Candy** (chemo--friend of Susan Martin), **Beth Janecek** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering), **Virginia Pickett** (recovering), **Deanna Zweifel** (recovering), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Ella** (Andi Dorn's friend), **Sean Woodral** (recovering), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer--Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Judy Luenenborg** (recovering--Deanna Zweifel's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

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



Thank you so much to my Calvary Lutheran Church family. Mom's passing is so bittersweet. She will be missed by family and friends. Yet she is exactly where she has always wanted to be, with her Lord. Your support through prayer, cards, donations has meant so much to the whole family. Thank you to all those who helped make her celebration of life beautiful. Thank you to the ladies who put on a wonderful reception which allowed the family to share memories of Mom with so many friends.

God Bless,

Monty and Shari and all of the Hillman Kortum Family

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Theron Miller	2/2	Rhyan Buckley	2/16
Kent Halley	2/2	Rebecca Tompkins	2/18
Blake Nikont	2/2	Audrey Harvey	2/18
Dorothy High	2/3	Virginia Hilbers	2/20
David Stevens	2/8	Mike Moravec	2/20
Amy Hauschild	2/8	Marj Nikont	2/23
Kyndal Burgner	2/9	Bill Michael	2/25
DJ Buckley	2/12	Alice Braaten	2/26
Jim Miller	2/13	Shirlie Schuldies	2/28



Thank you to everyone who supports our area Food programs. Your gifts truly make a difference for those struggling to make ends meet.

This month's Food Pantry item:
CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

This month's Backpack Program item:
GRANOLA BARS

MARCH items will be:
BOXED DINNERS
(TUNA/HAMBURGER HELPER)
FRUIT CUPS

SAVE YOUR PANHANDLE CO-OP RECEIPTS



Don't forget to save your Co-Op receipts and drop them in the box outside Pastor Chris' office. These receipts will go to benefit the Scottsbluff and Gering Backpack food program. Thanks!

Annual Meeting Update

Calvary's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 26. Fifty-nine voting members were in attendance. At the meeting, the following people were elected to the Congregational Council: Vice President: LaDonna Schmidt, Secretary: Kathy Randall, Treasurer: Grant Hinze, Elders: Neal Blumenkamp, Social Ministry: Jack Martin, Trustees: Jim Dorn, Outreach Co-Chair: Rebecca Tompkins. Elected to the Endowment Committee were Bill Steele and Marsha Bueide. Elected to Nominating Committee were Lynn Margheim & Shari Copsey, and elected as Synod Assembly Delegates were Bill & Becky Michael. A special **THANK YOU** was given to Kent Holub who has served faithfully as Council President for the past year.



OWLS Luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 5th @ Noon

The monthly gathering of the OWLs (Older Wiser

Lutherans) will meet on Feb. 5, at noon. Lunch will be meatball subs with chips and relishes. Our speaker will be from the Leid Scottsbluff Public Library.

Feel free to join us and invite your friends.

No reservations necessary.



HELP US STOCK THE HELPSHELF

Did you know 1 in 5 Community College students has gone hungry within the last month, unable to pay for a meal?

Lutheran Campus Ministry of Scottsbluff is seeking donations for the **HelpShelf** which provides basic items for students at WNCC and the UNMC College of Nursing.

Items requested are Granola or Cereal Bars, Individual Cup of Noodles or Mac'n'Cheese.

This is an ongoing project throughout the year to keep the shelves stocked. Thank you in advance for your generosity.





JAM

FEBRUARY 5

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Meatball subs/chips

**Wednesdays @ 6 p. m.
(K through 6th grade)**

February 12

God Creates in Us a Clean Heart

Enchiladas

February 19

Transfiguration

Grilled cheese sandwiches/chips

Mark your calendars for February 26th.

It is Ash Wednesday and ALL the youth will be serving and cleaning up the meal before worship that night.

We will have a baked potato bar.

EPIC

FEBRUARY 2: Souper Bowl of Caring. Help serve and clean up the community meal following worship. Proceeds will go to Cat/Pup Packs.

FEBRUARY 26: See the box above.

The Generosity Project & Cross+Generational Ministry Lab is coming to Calvary Lutheran! The Generosity Project is a cross+generational, household-focused approach to stewardship and discipleship. Its goals are to connect generations, create centers for the faith practice of generosity, and grow in God's grace generation to generation. Together, leaders of faith communities, practitioners, adults, teenagers, and children—Children of God of all ages—will gather and share in activities and experiments together. Note: this event is open to anyone, not just members of Calvary. Lunch will be included. The presenter will be Linda Staats. She's one of the primary authors of The Generosity Project materials, and she travels around the ELCA sharing this training. You're invited to join us on **March 7th from 10 to 3.** Talk to Pastor Chris for more information.



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.**

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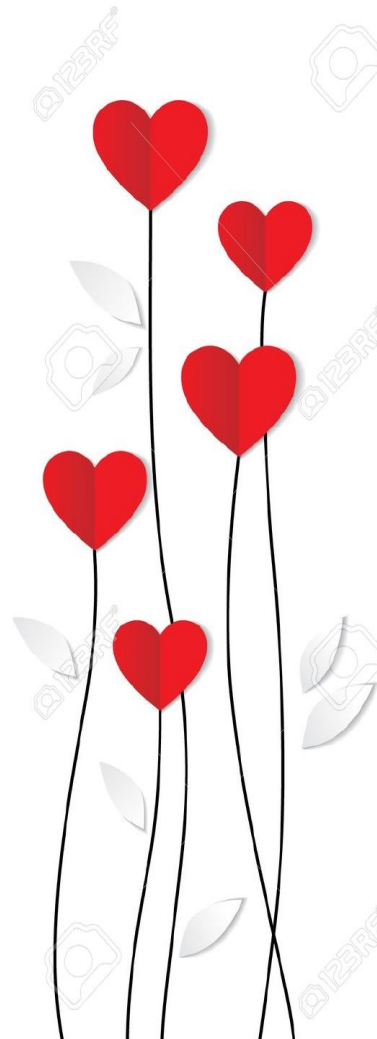
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Deadline for weekly announcements is Wed. at 5 PM.

Deadline for monthly Tidings Newsletter content is the 20th of each calendar month.



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WHEN YOU MISS WORSHIP

Sermon Podcasts, Worship Bulletins, 'God's Story @ Home' Inserts are all available on our website. Just go to www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the worship tab.

Daily Devotions are also available on our home page.



FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:30pm - Worship
2 9am-Adult Study 10am-Worship Installation of Council Souper Bowl of Caring following worship	3 7pm-Hannah Circle	4 8:30am-Men's Study Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Bible Study 7:30pm-Priscilla Circle	5 10am-Ruth Circle 11:30am-Exec Com Noon-OWLS 6pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 6:16pm-Outreach 7pm-Choir Practice	6 6:45pm-Bible Study @ Steeles	7	8 5:30pm - Worship
9 9am-Adult Study 10am-Worship	10 6pm-Council Mtg	11 8:30am-Men's Study 9am-Esther Circle Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7:00pm-Bible Study	12 6pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	13 6:45pm-Bible Study @ Steeles	14 	15 9am-Trustees 5:30pm - Worship
16 9am-Adult Study 10am-Worship	17 5pm-Elders Mtg 6pm-Worship & Music 6:30pm-Stewards Mtg 	18 8:30am-Men's Study Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Bible Study	19 6pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	20  1:30pm-Parkinson Support Mtg 6:45pm-Bible Study @ Steeles	21	22 5:30pm - Worship
23 9am-Adult Study 10am-Worship	24	25 8:30am-Men's Study Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Bible Study	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Worship Choir after worship NO JAM/Confirmation	27 6:45pm-Bible Study @ Steeles	28	29 5:30pm - Worship



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - February 2020



DATE	TIME	USHERS PRAYER ASSISTANTS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
February 2 Contemporary Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen Wally & Kathy Randall	Ruth Harris	Jack Martin Marlene Downer Shari Copsey	Hunter Miller Theron Miller	Angela Bonow Andi Dorn Carmen Kleager Shelley Koehler Jessica Laughlin	<u>Prepare Coffee:</u> <u>Cookies/Clean Up</u> SouperBowl of Caring
February 9 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Shirle Schuldies	Vicki Howell	Jack Martin LuVerne Knoedler Mary Jo Huelle	Katie Newton Draven Bowman	Barb Jensen Maunette Loeks Abby Newsom Nannie Walsh	<u>Prepare Coffee:</u> <u>Cookies/Clean Up</u> Dennis Katus
February 16 Contemporary Service	10:00 a.m.	Abby Newsom Jeff Van Patten	Chris Jensen	Jack Martin Pat Smith Marti Weglin	Lucas Moravec Ben Moravec	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele	<u>Prepare Coffee:</u> <u>Cookies/Clean Up</u>
February 23 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Maunette Loeks	Jack Martin LaDonna Schmidt Fran Johnson	Rayce Walsh Jacey Cochran	Angela Bonow Andi Dorn Carmen Kleager Shelly Koehler Jessica Laughlin	<u>Prepare Coffee</u> <u>Cookies/Clean Up</u>
ASH WEDNESDAY February 26	6:30 p.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey		Pastor Spomer Bill Michael Becky Michael	Gracee Michael		



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



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Romans 5:5

