



TIDINGS 2021



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

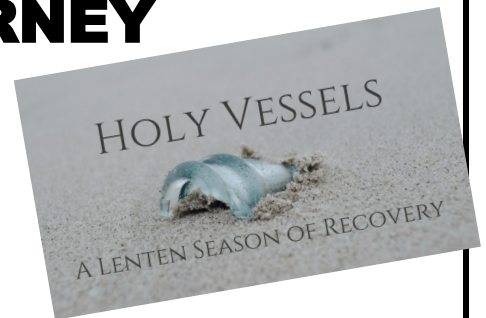


**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

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FEBRUARY 17TH

Worship: 6:30 p.m.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN
SERVICES**

FEBRUARY 24–MARCH 24

Lenten Worship Service: 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday:
Drive-Through
Communion &
Ashes available
from 12 - 1 p.m.
at the church

Please note: there will be NO Lenten Dinners this year



Sunday, February 7th, for the



Although we will not be serving a dinner after church like we have in the past, we will have a stock pot in the narthex (or outside the office) for any donations from our congregation. Donations will also be accepted throughout the week of February 1-7. All donations collected will be given to our CatPack/PupPack programs in Scottsbluff and Gering.

In-Person Worship

Notice: we have recently resumed in-person worship. We will also continue to live stream our worship services on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you whether in-person or online!



JAM News: Mark your calendars for February 3 and 10 as we will be having JAM in person! Calling all Kindergartners through 6th Graders to come to the church from 6pm to 7pm to have some fun. We will not serve dinner in February, but I am hoping we can after Easter! Join us for a story, a game, some music, games, and fellowship! Please wear your masks!

EPIC News: February 9: I would like all EPIC (7-12 graders) to meet me at First Presbyterian church at 4pm and we will help pack the CatPacks for the week. It is a very easy, yet rewarding half hour of service. We will be done by 4:30pm. Questions, call Angie at 631-2768. Please watch for information regarding the Good Friday youth service. We definitely need to bring our group back together for fun and fellowship!



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Calling all 4th-8th graders! We would like to set up an acolyte schedule again, so if you would like to be put on the acolyte schedule call/text Angie at 631-2768.



Lent is coming! And just in time for Lent we are starting in-person worship! There will still be 'distancing' and masks and limited singing etc. but we will celebrate Holy Communion and gather as the people of God. And yes, we will continue to livestream the worship service, that is a permanent change that will go forward with us from now on; a reminder that we are headed forward and not returning to where we were, even if a lot of that has yet to be figured out.

As I contemplated the decision to open again to in-person worship and the beginning of Lent on February 17th, Ash Wednesday, I thought how fitting it would be if we actually waited until Ash Wednesday to hold our first in-person worship for the first time in 2021. First, I am not saying all that transpired in 2020 needs repentance and confession. Yes, repentance and confession is a part of Ash Wednesday, but I want to be clear, Covid-19 was not God's punishment for our sins!

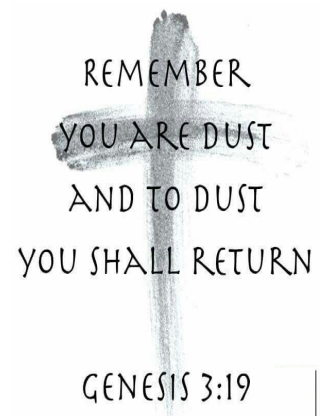
Recall what is spoken as the ashes are placed upon your forehead: 'You are dust and to dust you shall return'. As we ever so slowly begin to emerge from the grips of the pandemic, this past year has been a reminder of that truth, we are mortal, and we are as fragile as dust from which scripture reminds us we were created. God took the dirt and shaped it into Adam, the first human and from Adamah (dirt), God also formed Adam's companion Eve, dusty souls.

On the eve of his inauguration, President-elect Joe Biden attended a memorial to the 400,000 people who have lost their lives in this pandemic. 400,000 who returned, as we all will someday, to the dust. The memorial reminded us that mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbors are no longer with us, and we all mourn their return to the ground.

Yet, the ashes also remind us we are connected. In a devotional, Sheryl gave me for Christmas this year, the writer pointed out the first Adamah (the Hebrew word for dust) came out of the ground. A second Adamah, also came out of the ground, the empty tomb, the resurrected adam, Jesus Christ. So in receiving the ashes we are also reminded that just as we are united with the first Adam, we are also united with the second, the resurrected Lord! In the ashes God has not forgotten us but claims us, frail as we are.

Please understand we may have to end in person worship again, this may take several fits and starts, but know this, we will by hook or by crook make the ashes available to you, to remind you that as we continue to struggle through God has claimed us, dusty souls that we are.

Pastor Chris



COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

January 13, 2019

Board/Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Dawn Holub agreed to run as co-chair for Outreach Committee for a 1 year term; Stewards will be seeking a Chair throughout the year. Bill Huelle has agreed to stand as an alternate for Synod Assembly delegate if needed; suggested that boxes be added to the ballots for Annual Meeting. Ballot was approved for the annual meeting. Appointed new and returning members to the Boards for the coming year.

Endowment Committee: Grant request forms are in process, due the end of the month. Bill Huelle has agreed to be temporary active chair. Recommended that any Lenten dinner money previously made be requested from the Endowment Fund. Lenten dinners will probably not work this year.

Social Ministries: Pastor Chris reported on coffee discount given to hospital staff at the Emporium. Heard from several hospital employees who appreciated the gesture.

Trustees: Nativity scene up and down. Leak in sanctuary in northwest side, downspouts freeze and melt. Recommended some heat tape be added – being checked out. Doors for outside entrance have been ordered, the entrance will be centered and new side walk poured.

Worship & Music: Christmas Eve drive-by communion was extremely successful – around 55. Will meet this week at the church and decide about in-person worship but numbers are looking favorable to resume in-person worship on January 24th. Will be discussing Lent.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$43,608.63 Ending Balance: \$56,897.43

Pastor's /Staff Reports: Survived Christmas Eve – felt really strange! People are really longing to come back to in person worship. Trying to figure out Lenten series.

Old Business: Constitution Amendments had only a clarification question. Jack mentioned end of Chapter 7, last paragraph has a semi colon – need to check if something is missing. Appears to be a typo, but will clarify before the Annual Meeting. (Note: 2 bullet points were accidentally deleted which are already part of our constitution, so they were added back in.)

New Business: Approved Agenda for Annual Meeting – only change is the Amendment corrections. In-person or Zoom meeting for Annual Meeting: Council is voting to give authorization to the Executive Board to decide how the Annual Meeting will be conducted. New Council installation will be February 7th.

Next Council Meeting: February 8, 2021

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



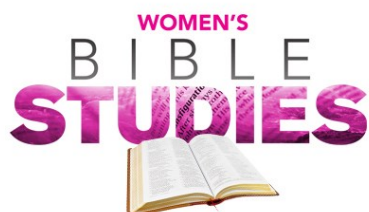
We encourage every member of Calvary to participate in our monthly Mission Projects. In February, we continue to collect monetary donations to send to the ELCA for their Malaria Campaign. This is a preventable, treatable disease that kills thousands of men, women, and children every year. Help in the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

Thank you from the Women's Board.

Fighting Malaria



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Meeting times & places:



Hannah Study Group—Monday, Feb. 1 @ 7 p.m. at Calvary's Education Wing

Priscilla Study Group—Monday, Feb. 8 @ 2 p.m. at Fellowship Hall

Ruth Study Group—Wednesday, Feb. 3 @ 10:00 a.m. at Calvary's Education Wing

Esther Study Group—Tuesday, Feb. 9 @ 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 Luncheon

As we continue to err on the side of caution, we will not meet for February. We will continue to monitor the Covid numbers in our community and the vaccination disbursement. When it is safe, we will meet again! And when we do, it is going to be a big party!





The CatPack/PupPack Program is looking for someone to deliver the food supplies from Calvary Lutheran Church when needed to either First State Bank in Gering or First Presbyterian Church in Scottsbluff. Please contact the church office if interested! Thank you!



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 2021!

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



HOLY VESSELS

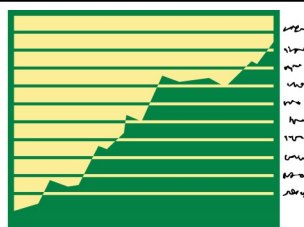


A LENTEN SEASON OF RECOVERY

"He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."
Matthew 8:17b

Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered for many their sense of wholeness-body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten 'season of recovery', we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken.

Join us on Wednesday nights during Lent
@ 6:30 p.m.
as we discover how each of us is a holy vessel despite our brokenness.



Annual Giving Statements

The 2020 Giving Statements were mailed the end of January. If for some reason you did not receive your statement or you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

The Stewardship Committee



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

GOD'S WORK – OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

The Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska has a program to help families in need of emergency financial assistance. They assist families with emergency shelter, utility assistance, assistance with rent, and other needs. Let's help support our neighbors by contributing to this important program. For the months of February and March, we are asking Calvary to prayerfully consider providing financial assistance. The need is great at this time due to the financial hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help by making a donation to Calvary Lutheran designated to this cause. Please mark your offering as Emergency Family Support. A member of Calvary has offered to match the congregational giving up to \$500.

"For as you have done it for the least of those my brothers, you have done it for me."
Matthew 25:40

✝ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ✝

Prayers for healing: **LaDonna Schmidt** (colon cancer), **Bill Steele** (recovering from Covid-19), **Gary Eskam** (heart/lung health), **Bonnie** (pneumonia & fluid around her heart—cousin of Susan Martin), **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), **Shelia Colson** (hospitalized—mother-in-law of Nannie Walsh's sister), **Claudia** (bedrest for pregnancy), **Jerry Weekes** (recovering from a horse accident), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **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 comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **David Nikont** (Marj Nikont's nephew).

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—stelelynne@gmail.com or phone her at **632-7558**.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

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

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

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3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.



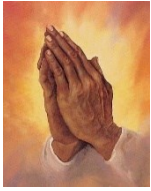
We **ENCOURAGE** every family of Calvary to participate and support our Food Pantry. The pantries provide important services to those in need and can really help aid those families who are less fortunate.

This month's Food Pantry item:
CANNED MEATS

This month's Backpack Program item:
GRANOLA BARS

MARCH'S items will be:
SAUCES
FRUIT 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
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!	



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.

CARING ONES



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

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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.



Accepting Help

No one goes through this life without help from someone sometime. At Calvary, we have Stephen Ministers – lay people trained as caregivers for a wide variety of circumstances. These people want to help others who may be going through some difficult times. They are good listeners, who are bound to keep all conversations 100% confidential.

If you are going through a difficult time or change and would just like to have someone to talk to, contact

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 monthly Tidings Newsletter is the 20th of each calendar month. Please send your items to Christy in the church office.

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WEBSITE

www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org







FIND US ONLINE!!!!

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



FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm-Hannah Circle @ Calvary Education Ming	2 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Pastor's Bible Study 7:30pm-Confirmation on Zoom	3 10am-Ruth Circle 6pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	4	5	6 5:30pm-Worship
7 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion Installation of Council <i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i>	8 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall 6pm-Council Meeting	9 8:30am-Men's Study 9am-Esther Circle 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Pastor's Bible Study	10 6pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	11	12	13 5:30pm-Worship
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21 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion	22 5pm-Parish Ed Meeting	23 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Pastor's Bible Study	24 6:30pm-Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	25	26 	27 5:30pm-Worship
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WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 2021

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD
February 7 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Kathy Randall	Barb Jensen	Mary Jo Huelle	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele
February 14 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Jack Martin	Marti Wegelin	Dennis Gorr	Shawna Payne	Jeff Van Patten	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
February 21 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Vicki Howell LaDonna Schmidt	Mary Jo Huelle	Bill Huelle	Andi Dorn	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
February 28 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Shari Copsey	Dennis Gorr	Matt Payne	Jeff Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele



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





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poured out..*

Romans 5:5

