



TIDINGS 2023



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY



Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 22

Meal: 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Meal: Baked Potato Bar

(Provided by EPIC & JAM)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

MARCH 1 — MARCH 29

Lenten Meal: 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Lenten Worship Service: 6:30 p.m.

JAM: 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Choir Practice: 7:15 p.m.



SUNDAY, FEB. 12 (Following Worship)

A Fundraiser for the Cat/Pup Pack Program

If you are interested in bringing a crock pot of soup or a dessert, please talk to Angie or sign up outside the office. And don't forget to stay after worship on the 12th for some delicious

homemade soups and desserts! Riverstone Bank will be matching funds.

Let's do our part to help feed the kids in our community.



"Blessed are the..." - Matthew 5

Between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of lent, there are five Sundays of "ordinary time." Not a very exciting name, really. Who wants to be ordinary?

The scripture passages during these five Sundays focus on the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Calling the first disciples, teaching the beatitudes, and the sermon on the mount; these are the stories that fill this "ordinary time."

And yet, for the Andrew, Peter, James, and John, as well as the many people in the crowds who gathered to hear Jesus, these stories recount a season that changed their lives forever and set them on a new trajectory. They had been fisherman (for fish), but now they would become fishers for people. They left their professions, their possessions, and their parents and followed Jesus. That is no ordinary thing, but then again, this was no ordinary teacher. He taught with authority, he blessed the poor, he called the fishermen.

I'm not sure about you, but this January feels to be dragging on forever. The snow never seems to melt, and we've had to cancel JAM/Confirmation two weeks in a row. The kids are lethargic getting ready for school in the morning, and I'm feeling lethargic getting them ready for school! It's tempting to let the drear and cold lull us into a state of spiritual apathy. But this is not the time for apathy; God is doing new things and calling us to join in a life-changing adventure. Let's follow Jesus together!

Lots has been happening the past few weeks. A Call Committee has been named and will be installed, a new Council has been nominated and will be installed, the Ministry Site Profile is completed and will be sent to Omaha for the Bishop's approval. These are big steps toward the future of Calvary Lutheran Church! We had a first communion class, a new member's class, and will have a few students confirmed on February 12.

This is not a season for apathy, but a season for rejoicing and celebration. God is doing great things in and among us at Calvary Lutheran Church!

Maybe that's why Jesus started his Beatitudes with the statement "Blessed are the...." Because he knew that we would experience so many different feelings in our lives. The apathy and the excitement, the joy and the sorrow; in all of it, we are blessed because Jesus has welcomed us into his kingdom. As you follow Jesus in this cold winter, may you live fully into the promise of Jesus: You are blessed.

Peace to you,
Pastor Brett

**TRUST
IN THE
LORD
WITH ALL
YOUR ♥**
{proverbs 3:5}

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

January 9, 2023

Dwelling in the Word: Pastor Brett

Acceptance of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda as modified: Bill Huelle; 2nd Dawn Holub, agenda accepted. Acceptance of Dec. 12, 2022 minutes: Motion to accept: Grant Hinze; 2nd Jim Dorn, minutes accepted

Board/Committee Reports:

Parish Education: OWLS, JAM, EPIC resume for January and the Sunday morning adult bible study was completed in December.

Worship and Music: Lenten season plans discussed, and they will again be asking for committees/groups that would like to serve Lenten meals to contact Bill Huelle. Christmas trees etc. were all removed from the sanctuary Sunday, Jan. 8, after worship.

Endowment Committee: Bill Huelle reporting; Applications for disbursement of monies are due January 31, 2023.

Nominating Committee: Things are OK and lists will be given to Christy.

Financial Report: December: Beginning Balance \$14,279.01 Ending Balance: \$17,062.42 Grant then presented the proposed budget for 2023. Motion to accept the budget: Jack Martin; 2nd Jim Dorn; Budget accepted

Pastor/Staff reports: Angie reported that OWL's luncheon on Wednesday January 4 was a success, EPIC Sunday the 9th had 5 kids present and they had a wonderful time, JAM will be Wednesday January 11, and they will have Pizza! Pastor Brett reported that the adult study Aging Faithfully completed with 8-12 participants, Christmas Eve attendance @ 5:00 service was 127 and 7:00 service was 40, Christmas Day service had 36 in attendance. He has made several visitations; he is planning a first communion class for January 15 after worship and a new member class for January 22nd after worship. He talked some about the pastor job description as well as the video he is working on for the MSP work due to Neal's current medical concerns.

Old Business: Annual reports to Christy ASAP, Pastor Brett reviewed his report. Nominating committee basically work completed, list will be given to Christy. Thank you to Dawn Holub for her service. Council dinner will be January 19th, 6:30 PM @ the Civic Center with a buffet and cost will be approximately \$23/person. Congregational Survey was sent to everyone on council and there were really "no surprises".

New Business: Mary Jo distributed copies of the MSP, a first draft, and pointed out specific areas in which she would like the council members to review and provide input to her. Three continuing resolutions were presented: Job Description for Pastor, Parental Leave, and Sabbatical Leave. A motion to accept the resolutions was made by Grant Hinze and 2nd by Jim Dorn. Motion accepted.

Next Council Meeting: February 13, 2023

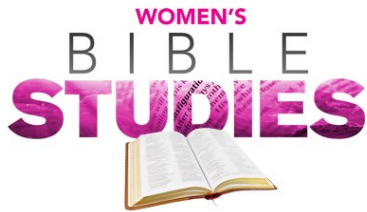
A complete copy of the Council Minutes is available from the church office.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Luncheon

Wednesday, February 1st @ 12 p.m.

Name that couple! Calling all OWLS to bring their wedding photo to the church on or before February 1, so we can play a game to figure out who's who! We will serve ham, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole, bread, and dessert.



Meeting times & places:

Hannah Study Group—Monday, Feb. 6 @ 7 p.m. at Becky Martin's Home

Priscilla Study Group—Monday, Feb. 13 @ 2 p.m. at Vicki Schmidt's Home

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Each Tuesday at noon a group of women meet at the church to study scripture together. Please consider joining us for a study and some great conversations.

All ladies are invited to join any of these groups.

CLCW February Mission

Our Mission Project for February is **Bake-less Bake Sale**. Instead of spending the money to make baked items and asking people to purchase them, the women are asking for cash donations in the amount that you might normally spend to make or buy items at a bake sale. Money raised goes to our mission projects for the world, our nation, and our local community.



Calvary's Prayer Chain

"Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective"

James 5:16

We welcome you to join our prayer chain here at Calvary so you may pray for the requests that we receive.

If you are interested please contact the church office .

FEBRUARY YOUTH PROGRAM SCHEDULES



FEBRUARY 1

Salt and Light

(Ham/green bean
casserole/bread/dessert)

FEBRUARY 8

Do Not Sin

(Ravioli bake/bread
dessert)



FEBRUARY 15

The Transfiguration

(Taco salad/fruit/dessert)

FEBRUARY 22

Youth will serve
Lenten Dinner. We
will have a potato
bar!



Sunday, February 5th @ 11:30 a.m.

Fast Food Frenzy/bowling party! Meet at Calvary at 11:30am. We will make a game of our lunch as we make our way to Classic Lanes to bowl a few games. Join us for a fun afternoon!! Please come and join us all 7th-12th graders!

Sunday, February 12th

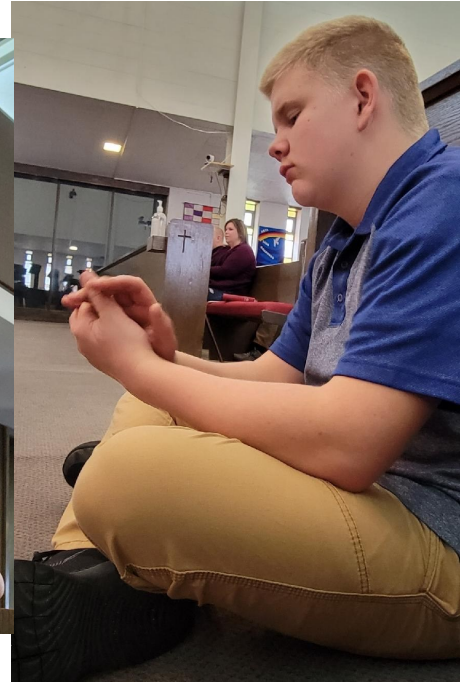
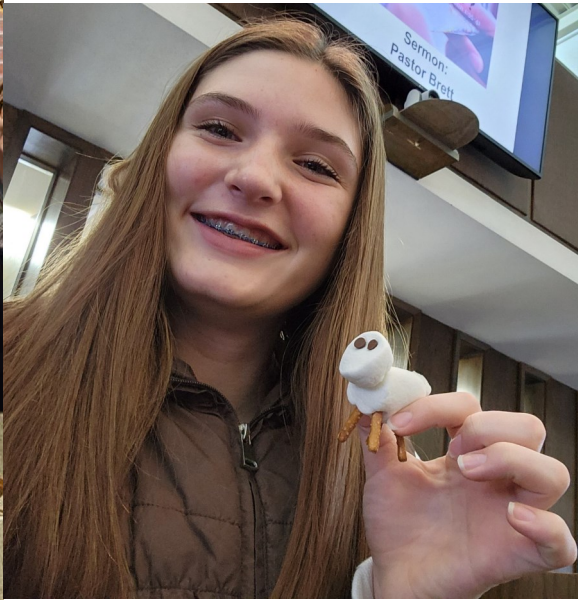
Come help collect donations and serve the soup luncheon after church in the fellowship hall.



Sunday, February 22nd

Epic & JAM will serve the Lenten dinner. We will have a potato bar!

****JAM and EPIC will be serving a potato bar before the church service. I will bake the potatoes but will need all of the fixings! If you would like to donate, please text or call me at 631-2768. We will need lots of servers and clean up help! Thank you in advance for your help!**



✝ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ✝

Prayers for healing: **Lee Saip** (hospitalized due to an infection—Wes & Elnora's son-in-law), **Marsha Bueide** (recovering), **Perry Crom** (health issues-nephew of Shirlye Schuldies), **Hollie** (recovering from surgery—friend of Nannie Walsh), **Willard Rutsch** (injuries from a fall—Becca Pierce's father), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from heart surgery), **Kaitlyn Carr** (shoulder surgery—Dee Brady's daughter), **Catherine Rahrs** (blood clots—Val Rahrs' mother), **Joy Arnold** (cancer— friend of Deb Brown), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Kevin Feil** (sepsis & cancer—Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero's father), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother).

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

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FEBRUARY Birthdays

Theron Miller	2/2	Nick Singer	2/14
Kent Halley	2/2	Rhyan Buckley	2/16
Blake Nikont	2/2	Rebecca Pierce	2/18
Bill Walsh	2/3	Audrey Harvey	2/18
David Stevens	2/8	Virginia Hilbers	2/20
Amy Hauschild	2/8	Mike Moravec	2/20
Kyndal Burgner	2/9	Marj Nikont	2/23
DJ Buckley	2/12	Shelly Koehler	2/23
Jim Miller	2/13	Bill Michael	2/25
Don Stahl	2/13	Shirley Schuldies	2/28



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

Thank you!

*Diane, Scholarship Committee, and
Church Planning Council,*

*Thank you so much for approving my application
for next semester! I am still at Hastings College,
and plan to continue studying speech pathology
and nursing! I really appreciate it. Thanks again
church family!*

Emma Foote

Thank You

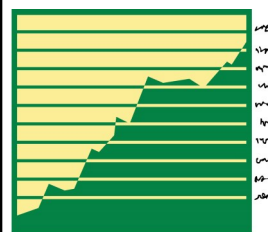
To my Calvary Family,

I wish to thank all of you for the cards
and prayers you have sent during the
last few months. I am on the mend
and look forward to see all of you
soon. Again, thank you for the
support and love you have given to
me.

Marti Wegelin

Please save your
Main Street Market
(Panhandle Coop)
receipts for the
backpack program.
**\$100,000 in receipts
= \$1,000 for the
program!**

	
Milk	2.50
Eggs	3.25
Muffins	4.50
Lettuce	1.50
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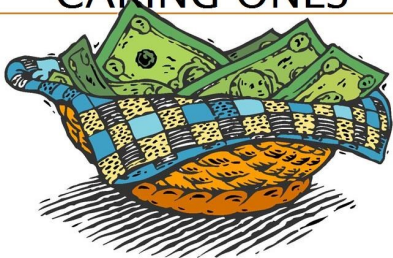


Annual Giving Statements

The 2022 Giving
Statements were
mailed the end of
January. If for some
reason you did not
receive your state-
ment or you have any
questions, please
contact the church
office. Thanks!

The Stewardship Committee

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 Marsha Bueide at (635-1469) to connect you with an available Stephen Minister.

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!

Pastor Brett

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

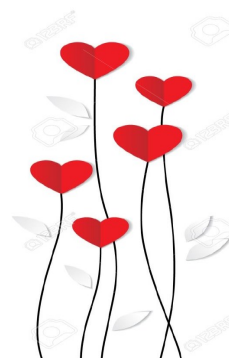
Contact the Office by E-mail at: calvarylutheranscottsbluff@gmail.com

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

Pastor Brett Vander Berg

Youth & Family Ministry Dir. Angie Hinze:

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 at the church office.



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FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12pm - OWLS Lunch 5:30pm - JAM 5:30pm - Social Ministry 6pm - Confirmation 7pm - Choir Practice	2	3	4 5:30pm - Worship
	5 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee & Fellowship 11:30am - Epic-Fast Food Frenzy/Bowling Party	6 7pm - Hannah Circle @ Becky Martin's 2120 20th St-Gering	7 12pm - Women's Study 1pm - Quilting	8 5:30pm - JAM 6pm - Confirmation 7pm - Choir Practice	9	10 5:30pm - Worship
	12 <u>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</u> 9am - Confirmation Pictures 10am - Worship Installation of Council 11am - Soup Dinner <i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i>	13 2pm - Priscilla Circle @ Vicki Schmidt's 6pm - Council Meeting	14 12pm - Women's Study 1pm - Quilting 	15 5:15pm - Outreach 5:30pm - JAM 7pm - Choir Practice	16	17 
	19 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee & Fellowship	20 5pm - Elders Mtg 6pm - Worship & Music 6:30pm - Stewards Mtg	21 12pm - Women's Study 1pm - Quilting	22 5:30pm - Lenten Meal 6:30pm - Lenten Worship 7pm - Choir Practice 	23	24 
	26 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee & Fellowship	27 5pm - Parish Ed Meeting 	28 12pm - Women's Study 1pm - Quilting			

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 2023

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO	ALTAR GUILD
February 5 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown & Vicki Howell	Mary Jo Huelle	Shari Copsey (Head) Tracy Steele Chris Thomas	Andi Dorn Ayden Tompkins Rhyann Buckley	Jeff Van Patten Jim Dorn	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
February 12 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Angie Hinze	Barb Jensen (Head) Rick Margheim Lynn Margheim	Matt Payne Ben Moravec Merrick Walsh	Chris Jensen Trea Hess	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
February 19 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Marti Wegelin	Bill Huelle (Head) Abby Newsom Marissa Wright	Angela Bonow Micaela Hess Max Judy	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jack Martin	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
February 26 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Chris Jensen	Vicki Howell (Head) Deb Brown Marlene Downer	Shawna Payne Brynlee Payne Jacey Cochran	Jeff Van Patten Trea Hess	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!





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Romans 5:5

