



TIDINGS 2024



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY



Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14

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

Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Meal: Chicken & Noodles

(Provided by Andi Dorn)



****Drive Up Ashes Station**

Main Church Entrance from 12-1 pm



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

FEBRUARY 21 — MARCH 20

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

Lenten Worship Service: 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice: 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday Lenten Lunches
Growing Strong in the Season of Lent
Join the community for a meal and a devotion every Tuesday at noon.

Tuesday Lenten Lunches

Growing Strong

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

DATES

- February 20
- February 27
- March 5
- March 12
- March 19

LOCATIONS

- Presbyterian Church
- The Vine - Scottsbluff
- Calvary Lutheran
- West Way Church
- St. Francis Episcopal



JOIN US FOR A MEAL AND DEVOTION @ NOON



February greetings to you!

Well, the first month has passed quickly, and I'm still excited to be here with you! The year goes quickly, and so, the seasons of the church. Very soon now it will be VaLENTines Day. See, Lent begins on Valentines Day! We begin, of course, with Ash Wednesday. I'd like to hold a drive-up Ashes Station by the main church entrance over the noon hour. If anyone wants to join me, you are welcome. Just stop by – no sign up necessary.

Our midweek services will have the theme: **The Five Solas**. These are 5 truths that came out of the Reformation. They are: Sola Scripture [Word Alone] – Sola Christus [Christ Alone] – Sola Fide [Faith Alone] – Sola Gratia [Grace Alone] – Sola Deo Gloria [Glory to God Alone]. Come and learn about them!

The ecumenical text study group I meet with weekly will again be hosting Tuesday Lenten Lunches at noon. Our theme this year is **Growing Strong in the Season of Lent**. Dates and locations are: Feb 20 at the Presbyterian Church; Feb 27 at The Vine-Scottsbluff; Mar 5 at Calvary Lutheran; Mar 12 at West Way Church; and Mar 19 at St. Francis Episcopal. All are invited to attend!

One of the things I am planning to do starting in February is to make some visits. If you would like a visit, please call the church office and let Christy know. I'll contact you to set up a mutually agreeable time. Looking forward to getting to know you better!

Blessings on your month!

Pastor Kathy

Saturday Evening Worship

It takes many people working behind the scenes to make a worship service go smoothly. If we are to keep the Saturday night service, we need your help! People that attend do the readings, help with communion and even lead the singing. Altar Guild takes care of setting up communion, Tahnee plays and I lead worship and preach.

However, there are some duties that are not yet covered. We need someone to open/close the building, someone to turn on/off the microphone setup and someone to be here to do whatever else needs to be done. I am still learning who does what. If you can assist us in any way, please let Mr. Bill know ASAP. Hopefully we will get enough people to volunteer that we can have a rotation set up, and you will be trained. Thank you for stepping up!



SUNDAY, FEB. 11 (Following Worship)

A Fundraiser for the Laundry Love 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 11th for some delicious homemade soups and desserts!

Go, And

As we continue to Go, And . . . February is Have the Conversation.

Conversation is an exchange involving active listening as well as taking turns sharing ideas and stories. It can be easy for us to fall into monologuing, lecturing, or tuning out especially when we think we know the answers. As a result, we often avoid having difficult conversations. Faith-filled disciples are called to be honest and engage with each other in Christ-like love.

Questions to consider:

What is your prayer as you consider engaging in a hard conversation? When was a time you had a hard conversation? What did it feel like? What did you learn from it? What is THE conversation that you need to GO and have and with whom?

Prayer: Engaging God, who is not afraid of any conversation, give me the words, wisdom, and heart to join in difficult conversations. Amen.



GO AND...



PRAY



LISTEN



SHARE YOUR STORY



SERVE WITH NEIGHBORS



ASK



BE HONEST



BE PRESENT



REST



HAVE THE CONVERSATION



BE INTENTIONAL



TELL THE STORY



BE CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

January 8, 2024

Acceptance of Agenda – Neal Blomenkamp moved to accept; Jim Dorn 2nd - accepted.

Acceptance of minutes from December 11, 2023: Neal Blomenkamp moved to accept; Grant Hinze 2nd – accepted.

Board/Committee Reports:

Elders: They met and discussed the Deacons situation. They need to see how many Deacons we have and how many church members we are visiting. Maybe put something in the tidings to let the congregation know if we need more Deacons for our church. Neal will check on this and get back to us.

Trustees: They took down the nativity scene.

Social Ministry: \$19,000 was collected in total for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. The Habitat house is close to being finished. The Angel tree ended very well.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance for December: \$35,608 - Ending Balance: \$31,942
Grant stated that we received an anonymous donation of \$5,000. \$4,000 is to be used to update the Sacristy and the remainder is to be used for a couple of other designated items.

Pastor's /Staff Reports: Angie Hinze-They are getting ready for all of the programs to start up after the Christmas break. Pastor Kathy-She communicated with the council and asked about what kind of reports the council is interested in hearing from her at their monthly meetings. She discussed what her office hours will be. She had a question about what structure our Lenten services looked like. She asked if she could have the congregation wear nametags for a little while so she can learn our names and who we are.

Old Business: The annual meeting/reports have all been submitted. All budgets were submitted. Neal Blomenkamp made a motion to approve as written, with an addition of \$9,000 for insurance premium and \$200 for emergency needs for laundry love for a total of \$339,782. We will revisit the Elders budget concerning Pastor Kathy's Housing/salary package. She would like to revisit this in 6 months to make sure all is appropriate for her. Deb Brown 2nd-accepted. Audit committee date is Saturday, 1/13/2024 @ 9:30am.

New Business: We passed around the 2024 Devotion sign up sheet. All was filled in except 3. Neal Blomenkamp made the motion to accept the nominating committee recommendation for Board members as written. Jim Dorn 2nd-accepted. Saturday evening service: We will continue for the time being but keep it in the back of our mind for in the future. There are logistics involved if we are going to keep the service. Such as – Ushers, turning on the heat, locking and unlocking the doors, etc.

Next Council Meeting: February 12, 2024

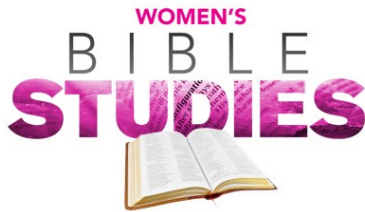
A complete copy of the Council Minutes is available from the church office.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Luncheon

Wednesday, February 7th @ 12 p.m.

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun with all of the Older Wiser Lutherans! We will have tater tot casserole/bread/relishes and dessert. The program for this month will be Larry Gibbs. He will share the two books that he has written with our group.



Meeting times & places:

Hannah Study Group—Monday, Feb. 5 @ 7 p.m. at Beth Janecek's Home

Priscilla Study Group—Monday, Feb. 12 @ 2 p.m. at Vicki Schmidt's Home

TUESDAY Sarah Circle

The ladies will meet February 20th @ noon
Come join the ladies every 3rd Tuesday at Noon for Bible Study.
Bring your lunch and join us!

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.



Dear Calvary Friends and Family,

We want to thank all of you for your care and support this past year plus. It was not always easy, but thanks to everyone pitching in, Calvary has successfully completed another year. And the very best news – we now have Pastor Kathy to walk beside us. I am going to take a little break from responsibilities here, but we both will certainly be present. We hope you will join us in the days ahead voicing an expression we learned from our Tanzanian brothers and sisters: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Love,
Mary Jo & Bill

FEBRUARY YOUTH PROGRAM SCHEDULES



FEBRUARY 7

Jesus' Transfiguration

(Tater tot casse role/bread/relishes/dessert)

Sunday, February 11th

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



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday, February 14th

NO JAM ...plan to attend church service

*****We will not have regular JAM during Lent, but you are encouraged to come at 5:30pm for dinner and stay for worship from 6:30-7pm.**



Sunday, February 11th

Come and help serve a soup luncheon with the JAM kids after church and collect donations that will be used for a local charity. All funds stay in our community!

✝ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ✝

Prayers for healing: **Ruth Harris** (recovery from a fall), **Joy Arnold** (Cancer), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer— Larry Gibbs' brother), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Les Bennett** (Mary Jo Huelle's cousin), **Barb Huelle** (Bill Huelle's sister-in-law) and **Marsha Bueide**

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Zeke Chilcott** (deployed—friend of Marissa Wright), **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed— Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).



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FEBRUARY Birthdays

Theron Miller	2/2	Rhyan Buckley	2/16
Kent Halley	2/2	Rebecca Pierce	2/18
Blake Nikont	2/2	Audrey Harvey	2/18
Bill Walsh	2/3	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	Shirlie Schuldies	2/28
Don Stahla	2/13		
Nick Singer	2/14		



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

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 Bill Huelle at (308)631-3389 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 Kathy

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

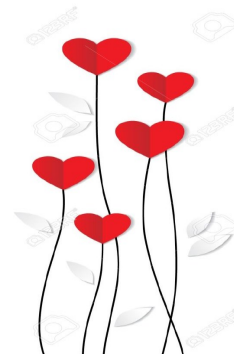
Contact the Office by E-mail at: calvarylutheranscottsbluff@gmail.com

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

Pastor Kathy Montira

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 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
4 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	5 7pm-Hannah Circle @ Beth Janeczek's 50169 Hilvyard Dr- Mitchell	6 1pm-Quilting	7 12pm-OWLS Lunch 5:30pm-JAM 5:30pm-Social Ministry 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	8 11:30 am-Exec Comm	9	10 5:30pm-Worship
11 10am-Worship Installation of Council 11am-Soup Dinner <i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i>	12 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Vicki Schmidt's 6pm-Council Meeting	13 1pm-Quilting	14 12pm-Drive up ashes 5:15pm-Outreach 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice 	15 5:30pm-Coop Ministry Meeting & Dinner	16	17 9am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship
18 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	19 5pm-Elders Mtg 6pm-Worship & Music 6:30pm-Stewards Mtg 	20 12pm-Sarah Circle 1pm-Quilting 	21 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	22	23	24 5:30pm-Worship
25 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	26 5pm-Parish Ed Meeting	27 1pm-Quilting	28 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	29		

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 2024

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO	ALTAR GUILD
February 4 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Angie Hinze	Vicki Howell (Head) Deb Brown Marlene Downer	Andi Dorn Merrick Walsh Dakota Newsom	Jeff Van Patten Jim Dorn	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
February 11 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Marti Wegelin	Barb Jensen (Head) Rick Margheim Lynn Margheim	Mary Jo Huelle Ayden Tompkins Rhyann Buckley	Chris Jensen Jack Martin	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
February 18 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Mary Jo Huelle	Bill Huelle (Head) Abby Newsom Marissa Wright	Andi Dorn Brody Weitzel Matea Weitzel	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jim Dorn	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
February 25 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown & Vicki Howell	Chris Jensen	Shari Copsey (Head) Tracy Steele Chris Thomas	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Kippen Cochran Jacey Cochran	Jeff Van Patten Jack Martin	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey



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





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Romans 5:5

