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CHURCH ELCA

# 2020 TIDINGS



## Annual Meeting & Budget Forum

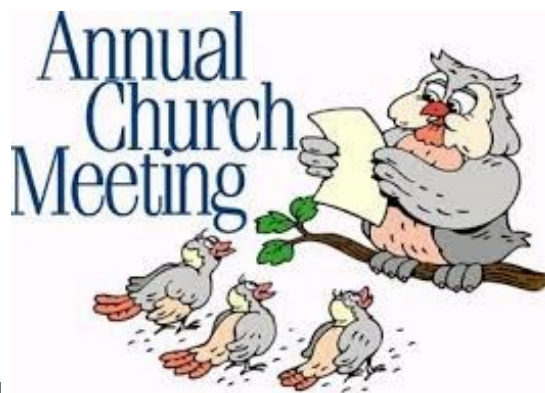
The **Annual Meeting** for Calvary Lutheran Church is scheduled for Sunday, **January 26th** following our 10:00am Worship service.

Business to be conducted at this meeting will be the election of new council members, approval of the 2020 Budget, receiving of reports from the Boards and Committees of the church .

Only voting members present may vote at a congregational meeting. A voting member is defined in the Calvary's Constitution as a confirmed member who has communed and made a contribution of record to Calvary in the current or preceding calendar year.

In preparation for the Annual Meeting, the Council has scheduled a **Budget Forum** for **Sunday, January 19 at 9 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All members of Calvary are invited to come and review the proposed budget and ask questions at this time. Copies of the Budget, the full Annual Report will be available outside the church office for you to pick up by Friday, January 17th.

Please note: anyone needing to submit a report for the Annual Meeting Booklet is asked to have them into the church office by Thursday, January 9th.



Dear Calvary! Thank you so much for your generosity of time, talents and money during throughout the year but especially this past month. Whether you provided a gift for our Angel Tree, rang the Bell for the Salvation Army, wrote a devotion for our Advent Devotional Booklet, helped with the Christmas Program, filled the program goodie bags, went Christmas caroling, served as a Worship Assistant especially on Christmas Eve, helped provide one of the Christmas Trees or Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas, or helped to decorate the sanctuary, we are truly thankful for all your gifts of time, talents and treasures! We feel blessed to be part of such a giving and caring congregation.

*Thank  
You*



*With Thanksgiving and Joy,*

*Pastors Chris and Sheryl*



January 2020

## From the Pastor

Over the past year, I have often been asked the question, “How are you doing?” For most of us, that is simply an invitation to conversation. I recall a time during my CPE days (Clinical Pastoral Education, a part of my seminary training where I was assigned to be a chaplain in a hospital). I was walking the hallway on the surgical unit and coming toward me was

a patient I had gotten to know a couple days before. She was being supported by two nurses as she laboriously walked between them. I stopped and asked, “How are you doing?” To which the nurse replied, “Isn’t it obvious?” She took offense at my question as being a shallow greeting. But really I wanted the patient to give her perspective; I wanted to know how she felt she was doing. I wanted to encourage her to voice her struggle.

I think a number of you have asked that question of me this past year in light of my Parkinson’s diagnosis. It has not been a shallow greeting but real concern for my health, and I want to take this time at the beginning of a new year to answer that question.

Most of you have heard me simply say, “I am fine.” Or more likely, “Pretty good.” And that, for the most part, does sum things up. I get along with my medication. I continue to do probably 98% of what I have done in the past, more slowed by simply ‘getting older’ than by the Parkinson’s disease.

One very annoying symptom that I struggle with is sleep. This leads to feeling exhausted by late morning and, as several of you have observed, falling asleep at my desk. If you find me that way, simply knock gently on the door. I will be embarrassed, but I am learning it’s just part of the disease.

Other than that, I’m fine! Seriously, I have minor symptoms and fortunately at this point no major progression in any particular symptom. My neurologist told Sheryl that none of her other patients walk the hall as fast as I do. I do struggle a bit with low blood pressure and have to pay attention to sudden changes in elevation, but I still run and bicycle. One of the highlights of the past year was doing a tri-relay with my daughters. My eldest swam a mile, my youngest rode 12 miles, and I ran a 5K (3.1 miles). We came in 3<sup>rd</sup> (out of 5 teams). So far, so good!

Sheryl and I are thankful that at the moment progression is going very slowly. The only certainty is it will progress; what’s uncertain is how fast. There is no predicting how I will be affected or when. What I might be writing to you next year is anyone’s guess, but I can tell you as I write this, “I’m pretty good!”

Pastor Chris

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# COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

December 9, 2019

## Reminders:

January 19 – Budget Forum

January 26 – Annual Meeting

Next Council Meeting: January 13, 2020

## Board/Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee – Still some phone calls to make; everything going well. Audit Committee doesn't have chair; Still need to find someone to be Stewards Chair.

Outreach –will run an ad at WTT from 12/14-12/22 for our Christmas Eve Services. There will also be a Christmas ad in Star Herald. Voted to purchase 250 vinyl stickers with our churches new logo for people to put on their car. Will sell them for \$5 each. Any proceeds will go to organ moving costs or some other project in the church, if not needed for the organ.

Elders –We have a few new members, new member classes will happen after the New Year.

Social Ministries - Bell ringing went well. Angel Tree stars are all taken, a check for Angel Tree was in Sunday collections.

Trustees - Nativity scene is up. Had a leak on the roof of sanctuary that broke out some ceiling tiles and damaged one of the pews. Looking to put open guttering that won't clog-when weather is good.

Worship & Music - Organ man was back Wednesday, should be 100% now. Mirror is needed on the post so piano player can see the pastors. TVs will (some time) be installed so the pastors and organist/pianist can see what is showing to the congregation on the screens.

Stewards - Will meet next Monday to put together 2020 budget.

Parish Education –Children's program this Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. OWLS luncheon was covered by Pastor Chris as Angie was out sick.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$3,347.83. Ending Balance: \$5,613.04, but check from Holy Apostles did not get deposited in November. Organ moving fund has sufficient amount to cover the bills.

Pastor's /Staff Reports: Pastor Chris will do an adult baptism this coming Saturday night. Christmas Eve services will be at 5 & 7 p.m. There will be NO Saturday night service the weekend after Christmas; Sunday service will be as usual.

## Old Business:

Budgets from each Board Deadline was today. Annual Reports are due January 9 (email format is easiest for the Secretary.) Budget Forum will be January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Annual Meeting January 26, 2020 after worship.

## New Business:

Will check with people about Council Installation February 2nd  
Council Dinner target date will be January 16<sup>th</sup>, alternate option 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Gering Civic Center. Spouses are invited.

Letter saying funds, almost \$250,000, for Disaster Relief are available thru Synod. Can submit for assistance resulting from disasters of last spring. We forward names to synod. We need to advertise that the funds are available to anyone.

**Next Council Meeting: January 13, 2020**

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







**Men's Tuesday AM Bible Study** will start up again on January 7 at 8:30 a.m. as usual. We will continue our study of Luke. New members are always welcome.

**OWLS—OLDER WISER LUTHERANS**

Join us the first Wednesday of each month at noon for lunch, fellowship, and a fun activity or informative program. **Please note:** In January we will meet on the **8th instead of the 1st**. Chili and cinnamon rolls will be served. Silver Sneakers program from the YMCA. Learn some valuable exercises to keep you moving and healthy.



**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated gifts for the Angel Tree this year for the Lutheran Lakota Center. The gifts were received with big smiles, much happiness, and lots of fun. Thank you to Calvary for your support to Lakota Lutheran not just at Christmastime but throughout the past year. We wish you all Christmas joy and many blessings in the New Year.

*The Lutheran Lakota Center*

**TUESDAY EVENING & SUNDAY MORNING**  
**BIBLE STUDIES**  
**RESTARTING**

After breaking for the Advent/Christmas season, the Adult studies Pastors Chris and Sheryl lead will resume on **Sunday, January 12th at 9 AM** and **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**.

If you are interested in being a part of this study, please join us.

It's never too late to start!!!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*I would like to thank Pastors Sheryl and Chris for all of their prayers, also my church family for the prayers and concerns, cards and phone calls. A special thank you to the carolers for the great job they did. What a nice surprise! God's Blessings to each of you. Elnora Sell*

*Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl, prayers, card, calls, and visits during my treatment and accident. Thank you JAM, EPIC, and adults who came and sang Christmas carols. It was beautiful. You are all a blessing. God bless you all.*

*Virginia Picket*



**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!

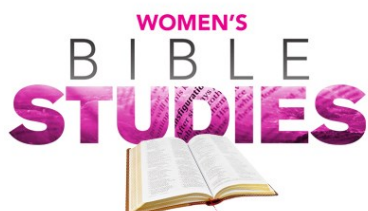
Pastors Sheryl and Chris

The WELCA mission project for January and February will be the ELCA Malaria Campaign. \$10 can purchase a treated mosquito net, \$50 provides medicine for 25 people, and \$100 trains a village health team. Donations may be made in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes found in the pews. Be sure to designate WELCA on the envelope.

**Fighting  
Malaria**



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## Meeting times & places:

- Hannah Study Group—Monday, Jan. 6 @ 7:00 p.m. at Becky Martin's home  
2120 20th Street, Gering
- Priscilla Study Group—Tuesday, Jan. 7 @ 7:30 p.m. at Angie Hinze's home  
615 Valley View Dr. Scottsbluff
- Ruth Study Group—Wednesday, Jan. 8 @ 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Fellowship Hall  
(right before the OWLS lunch)
- Esther Study Group—Tuesday, Jan. 14 @ 9:00 a.m. at Ruth Harris' home  
#9 Brentwood Ct, Scottsbluff

## 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.**

## JOIN US FOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.  
at the Bill Steele home  
resuming January 2nd**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
at the church  
resuming January 7th**







**Thanks to  
our youth  
for sharing  
a  
“Christmas  
Story  
Alphabet  
Poem”  
with us.**



Thank you! I would like to thank all of the JAM kids and their families for making our "Christmas Story Alphabet Poem" Christmas program a success! Returning to the basics of the ABC's can be very educational

and entertaining! Thank you to Val Rahrs for her unending support and guidance at JAM and for leading the children in their music. Also, thank you to EPIC members, Sydney Hinze, Gracee Michael, Hunter Miller, Theron Miller, and Trea Hess for your assistance with the program. A very special thank you to Shirley Schuldies and her many helpers for providing treats and filling the bags for the kids! We always feel so loved! Thank you very much to Pastors Sheryl and Chris for your help and support and to Rhonda Boettcher for your accompaniment on the organ! And finally, thank you to our wonderful congregation of family and friends for always making our youth feel extra special.

Sincerely, Angie Hinze





**JAM &  
Confirmation  
Kids during  
their annual  
Christmas  
Caroling Party**





## Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

### ✚ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ✚

Prayers for healing: **Beth Janecek** (surgery), **Neal Blomenkamp** (surgery), **Barry Bassett** (recovering), **Elnora Sell** (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), **Jeanette Chasek** (knee surgery).

Prayers for comfort: family of **Dale Schmidt** (Carol Bosshardt's father) upon his death

If you have Prayer Requests, please contact Nancy Steele through her e-mail—[steelenlynne@gmail.com](mailto:steelenlynne@gmail.com) or phone her at **632-7558**.

### SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

We will start up again on January 5th at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We still have 3 sessions on James to do since we took a break for the Christmas Holidays. Even if you haven't joined us for the first sessions, it's not too late! Please feel free to join us.



### JANUARY

Kathrine Fulk	1/1	Penny Stevens	1/19
Natalie Laughlin	1/9	Rick Margheim	1/23
Barrett Samuelson	1/9	Abby Meads	1/27
Makenzie Todd	1/9	Kaetlyn Todd	1/27
Geraldine Bartel	1/11	Christa Fulk	1/29
Duane Aschenbrenner	1/17	Alice Johnson	1/29
Barb Jensen	1/18		



## Thank You

I would like to send a huge thank you to my church family on behalf of the Cooperative Ministries Weekend Backpack Program. I am so grateful for all of the food donations, monetary donations, sacks and more. This program is so vital in our community and it is because of generous people like all of you that we are able to provide this service to children facing food insecurities. We ask for continued prayers for this program as we hope to continue the program for many years to come!

Tracy Steele



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 the **Food Pantry** item:

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** (LAUNDRY SOAP, DISH SOAP, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS, ETC.) **AND CAN OPENERS**

This month's **Backpack Program** item:

**PEANUT BUTTER 16 OZ JARS**

**FEBRUARY** items will be:

**CANNED FRUITS AND VEGGIES**  
**GRANOLA BARS**



# ***CALVARY YOUTH NEWS - JANUARY 2020***

## **JAM**

**Wednesdays—6 p.m. (K-6th grade)**

### **JANUARY 8**

**Jesus Forgives Sins  
Chili soup/cinnamon rolls**

### **JANUARY 15**

**Jesus Teaches in Parables  
Hot ham and cheese  
sandwiches/chips**

### **JANUARY 22**

**Jesus Heals an Outcast  
Sloppy joes/chips**

### **JANUARY 29**

**Pajama/Movie night  
Pancakes/sausage**



## **EPIC (grades 7—12)**

### **January 12**

**Kid/parent meeting  
from 11:00am-1:00pm at  
the church to begin  
planning for ELCA National  
Youth Gathering  
for grades 8—12**

### **February 2**

**SouperBowl of Caring  
Serve lunch following  
Worship  
Proceeds to go to  
Pup and CatPacks!**



## 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 (635-1469) or Nancy Steele (632-7558) to connect you with an available Stephen Minister from Calvary. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, you can contact Nancy.

We're **here** for you.



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

Contact the Office by E-mail at: [calvarylutheranscottsbluff@gmail.com](mailto:calvarylutheranscottsbluff@gmail.com)

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

Pastor Chris:Kester Beyer (402) 694-9189 [pastorchriskb@gmail.com](mailto:pastorchriskb@gmail.com)

Pastor Sheryl:Kester Beyer (402) 694-9182 [pastorsherylkb@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsherylkb@gmail.com)

Pastors' home phone: (308) 631-7656

Youth & Family Ministry Dir. Angie Hinze: 631-2768 or at the Church office. [adhinze@gmail.com](mailto:adhinze@gmail.com)

Nancy Steele, PMA: 632-7558 [steelenlynne@gmail.com](mailto:steelenlynne@gmail.com)

Deadline for weekly announcements is Wed. at 5 PM.

Deadline for monthly Tidings Newsletter content is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each calendar month.

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### WEBSITE

[www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org)

### 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](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org) and click on the worship tab.

Daily Devos are also available on our home page.



# WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - January 2020

DATE	TIME	USHERS PRAYER ASSTS.	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
January 5 Contemporary Service	10:00 a.m.	Jeff VanPatten Maunette Lueks Andi Dorn Val Rahrs	Marti Wegelin	Dennis Gorr Barb Gorr LaDonna Schmidt	Gracee Michael Ella Foote	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele	<u>Prepare Coffee:</u> <u>Cookies/Clean Up</u>
January 12 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Susan Martin	Bill Huelle Jeannie Stormoe Fran Johnson	Kierra Miller Josh Miller	Angela Bonow Andi Dorn Carmen Kleager Shelly Koehler Jessica Laughlin	<u>Prepare Coffee:</u> <u>Cookies/Clean Up</u>
January 19 Contemporary Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Angie Hinze	Dennis Gorr Deb Brown Nonnie Walsh	Jensen Bedlan Ayden Tompkins	Barb Jensen Maunette Loeke Abby Newsom Nannie Walsh	<u>Prepare Coffee:</u> <u>Cookies/Clean Up</u>
January 26 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Bill & Becky Michael	Mary Jo Huelle	Bill Huelle Mari Nikont Joan Smith	Trea Hess Katie Hess	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele	<u>Prepare Coffee:</u> <u>Cookies/Clean Up</u>




If you are unable to serve when assigned,  
please find a substitute and notify the office.

Thanks!



# JANUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5 9am-Adult Study 10am-Worship	6  7pm-Hannah Circle EPIPHANY	7 8:30am-Men's Study 11:30am-Exec Comm 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Bible Study 7:30pm-Priscilla Circle	1 	2 6:45pm-Bible Study @ Steeles	3	4 5:30pm-Worship
12 9am-Adult Study 10am-Worship	13 6pm-Council Mtg	14 8:30am-Men's Study 9:00am-Esther Circle 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Bible Study	15 6pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice 7pm-Panish Ed Mtg	16 1:30pm-Parkinson's support 6pm-Council Dinner 6:45pm-Bible Study @ Steeles	17	18 9am-Trustess Mtg 5:30pm-Worship
19 9am-BUDGET FORUM 10am-Worship	20 5pm-Elder's Mtg 6pm-Stewards Mtg 6pm-Worship/Music <b>DEADLINE</b> <i>Newsletter</i>	21 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Bible Study	22 6pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	23 6:45pm-Bible Study @ Steeles	24	25 5:30pm-Worship
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