



2022 TIDINGS



Annual Meeting January 30th Following 10 a.m. Worship

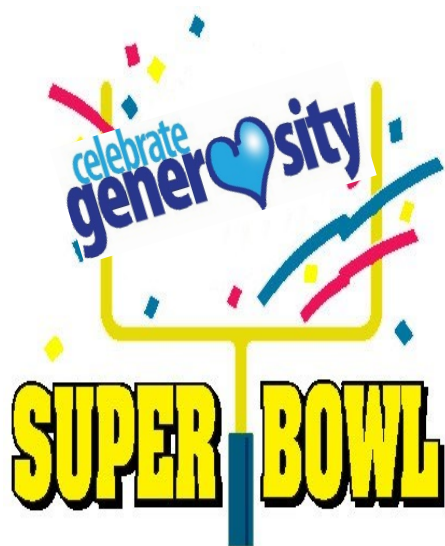
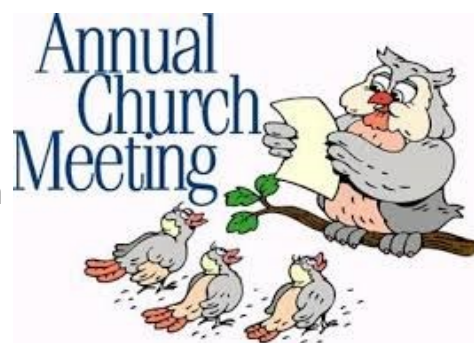
The **Annual Meeting** for Calvary Lutheran Church is scheduled for Sunday, **January 30th** following our 10:00am Worship service.

Business to be conducted at this meeting will be the election of new council members, approval of the 2022 Budget, and 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 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 Annual Meeting Booklet will be available the weekend before the Annual Meeting, Jan. 22nd & 23rd.

Please note: anyone needing to submit a report for the Annual Meeting Booklet is asked to have them to Christy in the church office by Monday, January 10th. If at all possible, please email your report.



Celebrate Generosity returns in January.

On January 23rd, the FOURTH Sunday in January, we will gather to celebrate generosity. As in our previous gatherings we encourage ALL ages to gather at 9 AM on the 23rd.

Come learn about the Generosity Super Bowl in the New Testament. There will be a cheer and a lineup! (Okay the lineup isn't quite what you might expect, but let your curiosity bring you to check it out.) See you on the 23rd, again that's the 4th Sunday.



*You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*
Psalm 16:11

“You don’t have to be doing spiritual things all of the time for all of the time to be spiritual.”

Dear friends,

I don’t know about you, but somehow, when I stumbled upon this quote in an Advent devotional I was reading, it just spoke to me. I think, because so often we tend to think that to be spiritual we need to be spending lots and lots of time off by ourselves in quiet and solitude. Now, don’t get me wrong; I think prayer and meditation, reading the Bible and doing devotions and worshiping are an important part of our spiritual lives, but as the above quote reminds us, our spirituality does not need to be—not should it be—compartmentalized to just one small part of our day.

If we truly believe and understand that Jesus, whose birth we just celebrated, is Emmanuel, God-With-Us, then we come to realize that God is present with us at all times and in all places. Which got me to thinking, as we approach another new year, what if, instead of making some big New Year’s resolution that we quickly fail at or forget; what if we simply seek to be more aware of God’s presence throughout each and every day. Looking for signs of God’s presence in in the beauty of creation, in the interactions we have with one another, in each breath we take and each new day we have been blessed with.

And the funny thing is, as I was contemplating writing this newsletter article, one of our members approached me and said, ‘I want to show you something!’ It was a day or two after our last snowstorm and most of the snow on the sidewalk had melted away, but she happened to notice a chunk of snow in the shape of a heart. She took a picture of it to keep (*see picture*) and was so excited to show it to me and share how that small chunk of snow became for her a reminder of God’s love and presence in our world.



When I talk about seeking to be more aware of God’s presence each day, it’s that kind of thing I am thinking about. Noticing those little gifts from God, letting them speak to us and giving thanks to God for them as they happen. And the wonderful thing is that with each new day, we get a chance to start all over again—no guilt, no beating up on ourselves because yesterday we didn’t remember to seek God’s presence—rather, just take each new day as it comes—looking for God’s presence in our world. And as we notice God’s presence in our lives and in our world, we will discover, as the psalmist did, that God has filled us with joy in his presence.

Have a blessed and joyful New Year filled with God’s presence,
Pastor Sheryl

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

December 13, 2021

Nominating Committee: Lora Blomenkamp has agreed to run for Secretary for next year, still don't have President-elect.

Board/Committee Reports:

Outreach: Discussed advertising for Christmas; created invitations cards for people to invite their friends and neighbors to our Christmas Eve services.

Elders: Proposing a 6% increase in salaries for 2022 across the board.

Social Ministries: Discussed Laundry Love upcoming in January, quarters are being donated in a laundry detergent bottle between pastors' offices; Our quarterly turn at Laundry Love will be the third Saturday in January-need 2 people for 2 hours at laundromat – we already have volunteers for this; Angel tree names are all taken, gifts are coming in. Bell ringing for Salvation Army went well.

Trustees: Microwave in kitchen died - replaced; Nativity scene outside was put up; Kent Holub is talking with staff concerning RING cameras, quantity needed and the program to use them; installed new keypad lock on kitchen door; worked on ceiling in back hallway, new shelving, and hooks to be installed in the back hall, needs painting also; organ needed some fuses changed; started cleaning up heating radiators in the back rooms.

Worship & Music: Church decorated for Christmas; Services are 5 & 7 Christmas Eve; Saturday night services on Christmas and New Years are cancelled.

Parish Education: Children's Christmas program for the 19th; Game night with JAM was wonderful; Celebrate Generosity program in November had 7 people attending.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$57,775.15. Ending Balance: \$48,305.08 Had 2 months of benefits to pay, scholarship payments made for spring semester as approved. Are down a little with individual giving; not surprising since we have had several members move out of the area to be closer to family. We are current with all obligations.

Pastor's /Staff Reports: New member Sunday on Dec. 12th. Had 5 new members join. Christmas services coming; lessons and carols service will be the Sunday after Christmas (26th); Pastors will be gone the following Sunday (Jan 2nd). Confirmation paused until January 12th.

Old Business: Council Dinner date will be held January 20th 6:00 at Gering Civic Center, spouses and significant others are welcome. Pastors will provide dessert as thank you to Council. Dennis will contact the Center to check date availability. Our person who removes snow (in the parking lot) is having back surgery this week. Jim will be checking with references for a replacement.

New Business: 2022 Budget: Grant actually got everyone's budget on time this year! Jack Martin moved, Dennis Gorr 2nd the budget, as discussed, be presented to the congregation. Only changes to the printed copy provided was to go back to the 2021 amount for the Contingency fund. Annual meeting Board reports are due in the office by January 10th. It is best if they are emailed so Christy can assemble it more easily. Reports will be available by January 22nd for the congregation.

Next Council Meeting: January 10, 2022

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





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Laundry Love

Calvary is partnering with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community.

Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month starting on Jan 15th. In preparation for that day we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastors offices.

Coffee and Fellowship

Coffee and fellowship started back up. We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



Audio Team

Sound System Operator Needed!!

We are in need of 1 or 2 people who would be willing to run the sound system during worship services, especially on Praise Team Sundays. If interested please talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or Jim Dorn.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Wednesday, January 5th @ noon

Pastor Chris will be making Aebleskivers (Danish panckes). We will be playing The Hygge Game (also Danish)! Come join for some Danish fun!



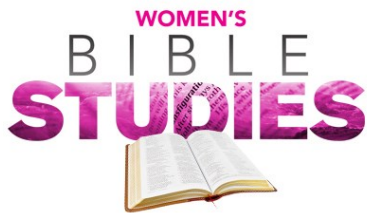
Epiphany

The WELCA mission project for January 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:

Priscilla Study Group—Monday, Jan. 10 @ 2 p.m. at Calvary's Fellowship Hall
Hannah Study Group—Monday, Jan. 10 @ 7 p.m. at Diane Vandenberg's Home
Esther Study Group—Tuesday, Jan. 11 @ 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 will start up again on January 4 at 8:30 a.m. as usual. We will continue our study. New members are always welcome.

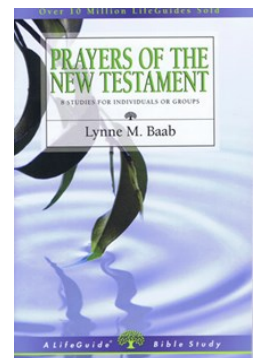
NEW Tuesday Evening Study starting January 11th

Prayers of the New Testament

Join us as we explore eight different prayers contained in the New Testament. Author Lynne Baab writes *"I wrote this study guide because the prayers in the Bible have shaped and nurtured my own prayer life so profoundly."* Join Pastors Sheryl and Chris as we study eight different prayers in the New Testament. We'll begin by looking at the prayers of Mary and Simeon and Anna, then explore three of Jesus' prayers followed by prayers spoken by Peter and Paul and then ending our study with a prayer from the Book of Revelation. The language of these prayers is beautiful and deep, speaking to us of God's character and plan for all the world; but also helpful in deepening our own prayer life. Everyone is welcome.

This 8-week study will meet at 7 p.m. starting January 11th.

If interested, please sign up on the sheet outside the office so we can make sure to have enough study books.



Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

Prayers for healing: **Jan Wylie**, **Juanita Gibbs**, **Mary Jo Huelle**, **Jean Collins** (hip replacement surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Jan Van Newkirk** (back surgery), **Kathy Johnson** (back issues); **Maeve Singer** (medical issues—Nick & Lindsey Singer's 8month old daughter), **Alice Braaten** (rehab), **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs' mother), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker's great grandson), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers of comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Katharine Nelson** (Barb Jensen's mother) and the **Bruner's** and **Brester's**

Prayers for: those dealing with the grief & destruction caused by the December tornadoes, **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regard to son Liam—Jude Walker's granddaughter & husband).

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

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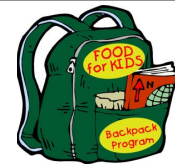
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We **ENCOURAGE** every family of Calvary to support the Food Pantry and Backpack Program.

These programs provide important services and make a difference to those struggling to make ends meet.

This month's Food Pantry item:
CEREAL

This month's Backpack Program item:
16 OZ PEANUT BUTTER

FEBRUARY'S items will be:
CANNED MEATS
GRANOLA BARS

Kathrine Fulk	1/1	Jan Van Newkirk	1/19
Natalie Laughlin	1/9	Rick Margheim	1/23
Barrett Samuelson	1/9	Abby Newsom	1/27
Makenzie Todd	1/9	Kaetlyn Todd	1/27
Geraldine Bartel	1/11	Christa Fulk	1/29
Duane Aschenbrenner	1/17	Pam Eskam	1/31
Barb Jensen	1/18		
Penny Stevens	1/19		



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 if worshipping in-person include your request on the worship card in your bulletin.

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 A DIVISION OF PANHANDLE COOP	
Milk	2.50
Eggs	3.25
Muffins	4.50
Lettuce	1.50
Total	11.75
Thank you for shopping!	

Thank You

Thank you to LuVerne, Elnora & Carolyn for helping make the Christmas treat bags for the kids! Thank you to everyone that provided goodies & candy!
Thank You Very Much!
Shirlie Schuldies



They are very much appreciated.

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.

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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JANUARY YOUTH PROGRAM SCHEDULES



JANUARY 12

God Revealed in Extravagance

(taco salad)

JANUARY 19

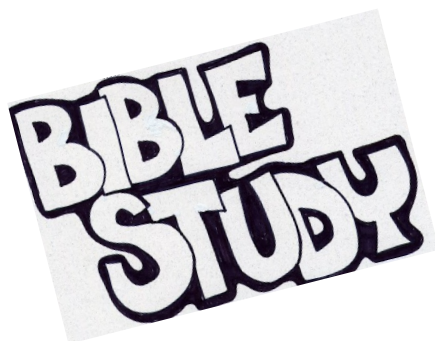
God Revealed as Good News!

(Ravioli Bake)



JANUARY 26

Pajama/Movie Night



Sunday, January 9th

Bible Study & Game Night at the Hinze's! Join us for a fun evening!! We will be having bible study, be playing games and having dinner!

Please come and join us all
6th-12th graders!



JAM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM





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.*

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

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 Chris:Kester Beyer

Pastor Sheryl:Kester Beyer

Youth & Family Ministry Dir. Angie Hinze

Nancy Steele, PMA



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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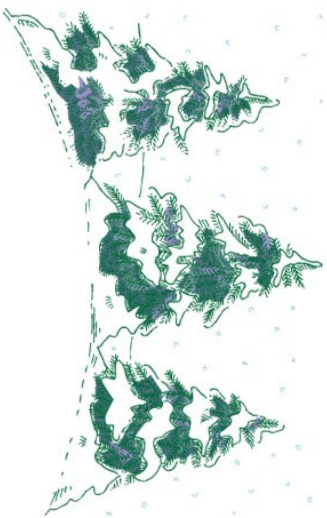
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JANUARY

2022



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2 10am-Worship	3	4 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	5 12pm-OWLS Lunch 7pm-Choir Practice	6 	7	8 5:30pm Worship
9 10am-Worship 4-6pm-EPIC @ Hinze's	10 2pm-Priscilla Circle 6pm-Council Mtg 7pm-Hannah Circle @ Diane Vandenberg's 1110 E. 35th St - Sch ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	11 8:30am-Men's Study 9:00am-Esther Circle 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Pastor's Bible Study	12 5:30pm-Social Ministry 5:30pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	13	14	15 9am-Trustess Mtg 12-2pm - Laundry Love 5:30pm Worship
16 10am-Worship	17 5pm-Elder's Mtg 6pm-Stewards Mtg 6pm-Worship/Music	18 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Pastor's Bible Study	19 5:30pm-JAM 6pm-Outreach 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	20 	21	22 5:30pm Worship
23 9am-Celebrate Generosity Event 10am-Worship	24 7pm-Parish Ed Mtg	25 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Pastor's Bible Study	26 5:30pm-JAM Pajama Movie Night 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	27	28	29 5:30pm Worship
30 10am-Worship 11:15am-ANNUAL MEETING	31					

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2022

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO	ALTAR GUILD
January 2 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	LaDonna Schmidt	Dennis Gorr	Andi Dorn Katie Hess	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jack Martin	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
January 9 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Marti Wegelin	Barb Jensen	Jack Martin Clare Schlothauer	Chris Jensen Jim Dorn	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
January 16 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Susan Martin	Shari Copsey	Matt Payne Dakota Newsom	Jeff Van Patten Trea Hess	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
January 23 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Marissa Wright	Bill Huelle	Mary Jo Huelle Alli Baer	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Val Rahrs	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
January 30 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown LaDonna Schmidt	Angie Hinze	Dennis Gorr	Shawna Payne Jacey Cochran	Chris Jensen Trea Hess	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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