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2024 TIDINGS



Annual Meeting January 28th Following 10 a.m. Worship

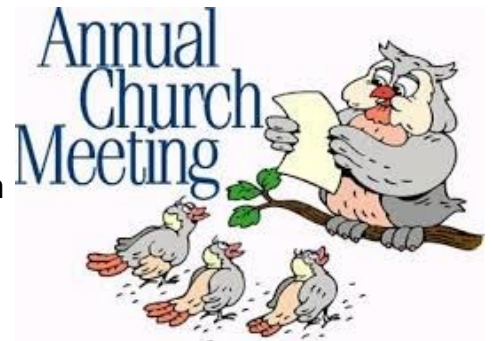
The **Annual Meeting** for Calvary Lutheran Church is scheduled for Sunday, **January 28th** following our 10:00am Worship service.

Business to be conducted at this meeting will be the election of new council members, approval of the 2024 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, January 20th & 21st.

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 8th. If at all possible, please email your report.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Wednesday, January 10th @ noon

Lunch with Pastor Kathy! Join us at noon for meatball sandwiches/chips/fruit and dessert. We will have some good conversation and "getting to know you" games with Pastor Kathy!



Epiphany

Go, And

As we continue to Go, And . . . January is a time to Rest.

At the start of the new Year, we are pushed to get organized, exercise more, and make New Year's resolutions. How do we take rest among all this? What does it mean to be like Jesus? It means taking time to pause, rest, and embrace the day. That might mean taking a nap, getting together with old friends, reading a good book, or enjoying the arts as we recognize God makes all things new.

Questions to consider:

What brings you rest? What does Sabbath mean for you? What does it look like in your life? Let Go, what are you going to give up this year so you can rest?

Prayer: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrod-den, through perils and joys unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

December 11, 2023

Acceptance of Agenda – Neal Blomenkamp moved to accept; Bill Huelle 2nd - accepted. Acceptance of minutes from November 13, 2023: Neal Blomenkamp moved to accept; Shari Copsey 2nd – accepted.

Board/Committee Reports:

Elders: Neal did have a question about doing a background check on incoming church staff as we have done in the past. He will check on that.

Trustees: They put up the nativity scene.

Parish Education: December 17th is the caroling party. They are still working on forming a “young adult group” here at the church.

Call Committee: All of the paperwork has been turned in. The Installation of Pastor Kathy will be on 1/21/2024 at 2 p.m.

Worship and Music: They set the December worship schedule. There will be no worship services on Saturday 12/23/23 or Saturday 12/30/23.

Endowment: All applications are due at the end of January 2024.

Social Ministry: The Angel tree has been taken care of. The Habitat house is progressing. Laundry Love is coming up in January 2024. The Salvation Army Bell ringing went well.

Nominating Committee: We went over the list, and she shared an update on several people volunteering for different committees. Still a few left to fill.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance for October: \$37,158 - Ending Balance: \$35,608 *** The church was given a \$20,000. Anonymous gift that was to be added to the building fund.***

Pastor’s /Staff Reports: Angie Hinze-Winter Break is coming up. We will resume programming after the break.

Old Business: Annual reports are due. The audit committee will meet before the Annual meeting which is 1/28/24. The nominating committee added several new board members. We are still looking for a chairperson for the Board of Stewards.

New Business: Mary Jo is working on the Annual meeting agenda. In reference to Holy Apostles Episcopal Church-In recognition that Calvary called Pastor Kathy as a full-time pastor and in consultation with her, we are currently unable to share her time and talents. The church council/staff dinner will be January 18, 2024, at 6:30pm at the Gering Civic Center.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2024

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



Thank You

I would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who help with the traditional treat bags for our children after their Christmas program! I would like to thank Angie Hinze for helping me organize the assembly. I would like to thank Dawn Holub for providing the popcorn balls. Thank you to Gail Bruflat for bringing the oranges and helping, along with the other helpers, Carolyn Jensen and Joan Smith. Finally, thank you to all of the congregation for donating candy and money for the kids. You are all so very generous.

Sincerely,
Shirlie Schuldies

Out with Old, In with the New!

Joan & Marlene think it's time for them to step away from coordinating funeral meals. A special "thanks" to Deb Brown & Barb Jensen, who will be the new coordinators starting in January. We want to thank the faithful women of Calvary who have provided food and served it at funeral dinners. It has been an honor to serve our congregation in this ministry of caring.

God Bless All,
Joan Smith & Marlene Downer

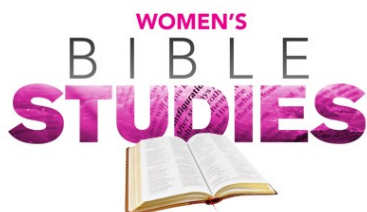
January Mission Project

Malaria is a leading cause of death in Africa. It is preventable, treatable, and perpetuates poverty. Just \$10 can purchase a treated mosquito net, \$50 feeds a refugee family for 1 week, \$20 feeds 10 people at the soup kitchen, and \$100 aids in scholarship support to train an international women's leader. Donations may be made in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes found in the pews. Be sure to designate CLCW on the envelope.

Fighting Malaria



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Meeting times & places:

Priscilla Circle - Monday, Jan. 8 @ 2 p.m. at Vicki Schmidt's Home

Hannah Circle - Monday, Jan. 8 @ 7 p.m. at Diane Vandenberg's Home

Sarah Circle

The ladies will meet January 16th @ 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.



laundrylove

Laundry Love

Calvary has partnered 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; our next event is January 20th. In preparation for that day we will need quarters as well as laundry detergent, dryer sheets and softener. So save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's office.

Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

Prayers for healing: **Ruth Harris** (recovery from a fall), **Jan Martin** (health problems—Susan Martin’s relative), **David Pickett** (Healing—son of Virginia Pickett), **David Stevens** (recovering), **Joy Arnold** (Cancer), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Aimee Roos** (colon cancer & critical kidney disease—Penny Stevens’ nephew’s wife), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Linda Spomer**, **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs’ mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

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



Endowment Fund application forms are now available in the office. These funds may be used for outreach: Churchwide, Nebraska Synod, and local. The deadline is January 31, 2024.



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
Micaela Hess	1/10	Christa Fulk	1/29
Duane Aschenbrenner	1/17	Pam Eskam	1/31
Barb Jensen	1/18		
Penny Stevens	1/19		

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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

JANUARY YOUTH PROGRAM SCHEDULES



JANUARY 10

Follow Me!

(meatball sandwiches/chips/fruit/dessert)

JANUARY 17

Jesus Calls the Disciples

(enchiladas/chips and salsa/ veggies/dessert)

JANUARY 24

Jesus' Authority

(breakfast burritos/fruit/juice)



JANUARY 31

Pajama/Movie Night

Wear your jammies, bring a pillow and blanket and we will watch a movie with popcorn and snacks!

(pb&J's/chips/fruit)



Sunday, January 14th

Pizza and Painting! Come join us after church at 11:30 am for lunch and then we will have a devotion and paint a canvas! Bring a friend!

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

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) to connect you with an available Stephen Minister from Calvary. If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, or if you are interested in becoming a Stephen’s Minister, please contact Bill Huelle (631-3389) or Marsha Bueide (635-1469).

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!

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.

PMA Bill Huelle:

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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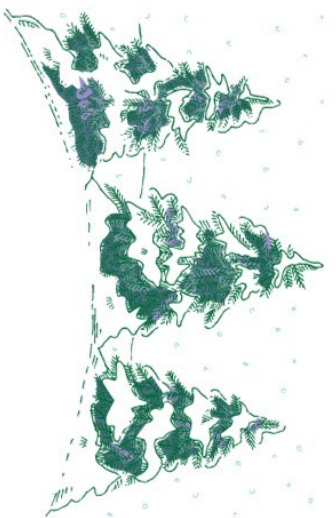
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Worship videos and bulletins as well as the “Taking Faith Home” inserts are all available on our website.

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



2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2 1pm-Quilting	3 7pm-Choir Practice	4 11:30-Exec. Comm	5	6 5:30pm-Worship 6:30pm-Social Ministry Party
						
7 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	8 2pm-Priscilla Grde 6pm-Council 7pm-Hannah Grde @ Diane Vandenberg's 1110 E. 35th St - Sch	9 1pm-Quilting	10 12pm-OWLS Lunch 5:30pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	11	12	13 5:30pm-Worship
14 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	15 5pm-Elders 6pm-Stewards 6pm-Worship/Music	16 12pm-Sarah Grde 1pm-Quilting	17 5:30pm-JAM 5:45pm-Outreach 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	18 6:30pm-Council/Staff Dinner	19 	20 9am-Trustees 12-2pm-Laundry Love 5:30pm-Worship
21 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship 2pm-Installation of Pastor Kathy	22 5pm-Panish Ed	23 1pm-Quilting	24 5:30pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	25	26	27 5:30pm-Worship
28 10am-Worship Following service ANNUAL MEETING	29	30 1pm-Quilting	31 5:30pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice			

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2024

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO	ALTAR GUILD
January 7 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Jack Martin	Vicki Howell (Head) Deb Brown Marlene Downer	Andi Dorn Merrick Walsh Dakota Newsom	Jeff Van Patten Jim Dorn	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
January 14 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Angie Hinze	Barb Jensen (Head) Rick Margheim Lynn Margheim	Loeks-Van Patten Rhyann Buckley Ben Moravec	Chris Jensen Jack Martin	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
January 21 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Mary Jo Huelle	Bill Huelle (Head) Abby Newsom Marissa Wright	Andi Dorn Kippen Cochran Jacey Cochran	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jim Dorn	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
January 28 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Vicki Howell Deb Brown	Chris Jensen	Shari Copsey (Head) Tracy Steele Chris Thomas	Mary Jo Huelle Jack Judy Max Judy	Jeff Van Patten Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	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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