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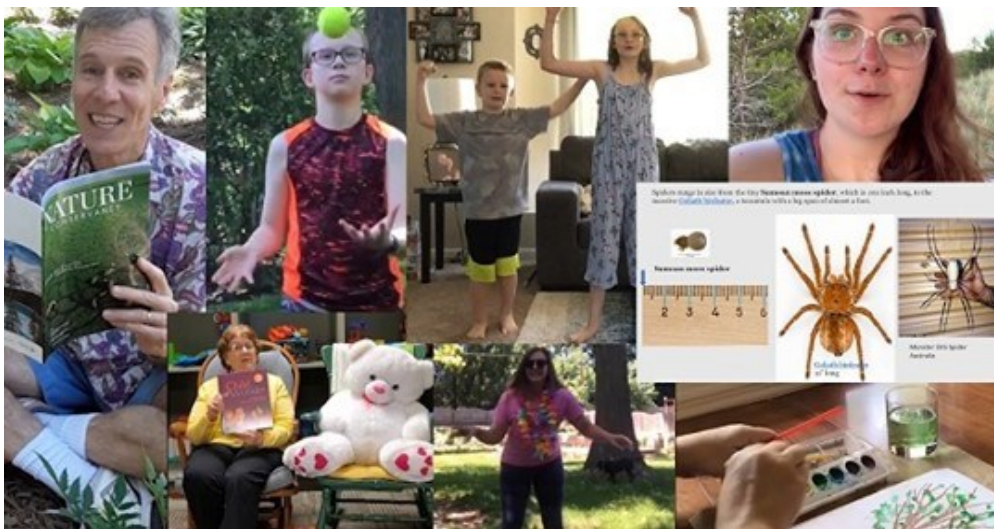
# Tidings 2020

# JULY

*"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."*

# C R E A T E

# Virtual VBS



June 15 - August 9, 2020

Each Tuesday we will send out the link via text and email for that week's VBS and post it on our Facebook page. Watch the videos whenever it works for you and have fun learning about God's wonderful creation at the same time.

Then on Mondays at 10 a.m., Angie is hosting a Zoom Chat so that you can share all the fun things you have done in the past week-VBS related or not! Contact the church office if you'd like the link for your VBS-er to be a part of Angie's Zoom Chat or if you need the VBS weekly link.

We are sad that we are not able to do VBS in person this summer, but hope many of you will join in this very creative VBS!!!

**\*Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July falling on a Saturday,  
there will be NO Saturday evening worship service on July 4th!\***



<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matt. 11:28-30

Tired. Exhausted. Irritable. Anxious. Stressed. Unable to focus. Easily distracted. I don’t know about you, but these are just some of the ways that I have experienced the stress, uncertainty and unsettledness of these last few months.

So, I have to admit that I was somewhat relieved when I watched a zoom presentation by a psychologist a couple weeks back who said that she too was experiencing these same things and that they were, in fact, normal reactions to what we are all going through right now. And then she challenged us to think about what we were doing to help us manage our stress.

I know for me; exercise has been key. On the days I exercise, I feel much less anxious and generally sleep better, but on the days I don’t get out for a bicycle ride or run, by the end of the day I can feel my anxiousness rising. Talking with Chris or my mom or another trusted friend or family member, often helps me to feel less anxious.

But when I can’t exercise and I feel all talked out, there is one other way I have found to help me refocus and let go of my anxiety and that is to spend time with God. And by spending time with God, I do not just mean reading scripture and praying (although those are hugely important in growing our relationship with God), but rather being still and sitting in God’s presence.

I think, by now, most of you probably know that I am a huge proponent of breath prayers; those short, simple phrases (often a bible verse) that can be prayed as we intentionally breathe in and out. Two of my favorites, especially in this time, are “Be still (*breathe in*) and know that I am God (*breathe out*)” from Psalm 46:10. Or Jesus’ words in Mark 4:39 as he calmed the storm, “Peace (*breathe in*), be still (*breathe out*).”

One of the wonderful things about breath prayers is that they can be prayed anywhere, anytime and can be effective whether prayed for just a minute or two or if time allows, even longer. I have, personally, found them to be the anchor I need in the midst of the storms which rage about us. And I would like to encourage you, if you do not already do so, to spend some time each day (or at least when you feel stressed or anxious) to pray a breath prayer.

In order to help you make breath prayer a part of your time with God, especially if breath prayers are something new to you, I am inviting you to join me in a weekly breath prayer that I will be posting on our Facebook page and website on **Thursdays starting June 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Each breath prayer will only take about 5 minutes, but I hope that you will discover that in those few minutes with God, there is a power to strengthen and sustain us that only God can give.

Peace,  
Pastor Sheryl

# COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

June 8, 2020

**Scholarship Committee:** The committee awards interest money from funds they have invested. Council voted to award a scholarship of \$1,488 for 1st semester to Kaitlyn Todd who will be returning to Concordia College this fall.

**Endowment Committee:** Four applications for funds were received: \$500 awarded to Cooperative Ministries for administrative obligations; \$2,000 to the Trustees for a motorized handicap entrance opener for back door; \$2,300 to Worship & Music to upgrade the in-house audio system; \$2,500 to Outreach to upgrade our video equipment continue live-streaming services. A total of \$7,300 is proposed to be awarded. Motion passed.

## **Board/Committee Reports:**

**Outreach:** Window decals of Calvary's logo are available for \$5 each. Funds will go to the cost of new video/sound equipment. BBQ will be BBQ-less this year and will take place during the month of June.

**Elders:** Met last month with Christy for her 6 month evaluation. Discussed job additions and raise. Christy requested working 8-2 during the summer - approved.

**Trustees:** Busy outside doing landscaping, mulching, removed stump in courtyard. Bill has been working in the north narthex bathroom: tile work done, waiting for plumbing, ceiling should be done by end of this week. Progressing very well. Working to get the new video/audio equipment upgraded and installed. Mary Jo Huelle has contacted some professional landscapers with what to do in the courtyard. Still waiting for calls back.

**Worship & Music:** Decided to go ahead and upgrade audio at the same time as the video equipment so as to be more efficient. The media team is learning the new system and getting comfortable with how it's working. Pastors reported first Saturday night was a normal attendance. Sunday morning had 35 in attendance; Senior recognition Sunday was 45 – invited attendees only.

**Parish Education:** Discussed how we will work with youth in the fall and VBS this summer. Looking for a way to do VBS virtually. Angie will also explore possibilities of Zoom chat with JAM kids. Senior graduation Sunday went well. Guidelines for youth programs haven't opened up much yet. Many churches in the area are also at a loss as to how to handle children's programs. There are online Sunday School programs, which may be a possibility.

**Financial Report:** Beginning Balance: \$37,497.08 Ending Balance: \$21,012.84 The PPP loan is included in the opening balance. Money was transferred to Common Fund and brought in as needed. The video equipment has been paid from this fund until funding from Memorials and other donations are accounted for to cover costs. Giving has been good through all the Covid-19 time; which we are very thankful for.

## **Old Business:**

Jackie from J.G. Elliott Insurance Center made a presentation. Our policy renewed in February with Guide One. Right now their rates are not competitive. She sent a proposal from Grinnell Mutual and walked the Council through coverage for various incidents, deductibles, limitations. Discussion of existing claim with Guide One; may need to identify all the items Guide One calls "deductible" (broken windows; fascia damage) to be handled before change of policy. The roof right now is "ok", but will need coating again every 3-5 years. Discussion followed after Jackie's left. Jim Dorn is to get a few more questions answered, and will email with answers.

Change of bank signature cards has been completed.

Grant will get together with Christy to train her for her the additional bookkeeping duties.

## **New Business:**

Synod Assembly was cancelled. Synod asked if Calvary would donate registration fees instead of asking for a refund. It was moved to donate registration fees to the Covid-19 Synod fund. Motion passed.

Drive-up communion discussion for those watching worship online– advertising may need to be better; frequency will be weekly through June to see what the response is and then decision will be made about July.

Pastor Sheryl was thrilled to see the people she was preaching to last weekend.

Dennis Gorr mentioned a member was thrilled with the vegetable giveaway area churches participated in last week; they would contribute to a regular happening. Pastor Chris said the "giveaway" cost \$25K and was contributed by a person in the area.

Next meeting will be held July 13.

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





# SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY







Our mission this month is monetary support for the D.O.V.E.S. shelter. Domestic Violence is alive in our local communities. Scottsbluff/Gering provides access to 24 hour crisis hotline and a shelter so those trying to escape abuse may find refuge. The shelter is always grateful for donations for the shelter and to help people set up new households. Household items and personal care items are also needed. Don't forget to collect your unused toiletry items when traveling and staying in hotels. Thank you for your support.



We have one student presently eligible to receive a scholarship: Kaetlyn Todd - Concordia University. Kaetlyn will receive \$1,488.00 for the fall semester of 2020.

Anyone wishing to make donations to the Scholarship Fund is certainly appreciated by those students attending a Protestant College. Checks of any amount can be written to Calvary Lutheran Scholarship Fund and left at the church office. A donation of \$12,000 will put your name on the plaque of donors and scholarship recipients in the lobby by the fellowship hall.



Thank you church family for all the awesome gifts and money. Thank you to the quilting ladies for the awesome quilt.

Rayce Walsh

*Thank you*

**A huge "thank you"** to everyone who has helped make our worship services a success!



**A "thank you"** to everyone who donated to our BBQ-less BBQ last month! Your generosity is truly appreciated!



A BIG thank you to all my friends here at Calvary for the birthday cards, phone calls and visits. I was really surprised and enjoyed every minute of it.

In Christian Love,  
Jan Wylie

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# Prayer Requests

Prayers for healing: **Jim Rahrs** (brother of Val Rahrs), **Linda Spomer** (Heart Tests), **Marcy Miller** (recovering), **Mary Ellen Kropp** (pancreatitis), **Kent Zweifel**, (Recovering— Robert & Deanna Zweifel's son), **Alice Shriver** (Recovering at Heritage), **Betty Kenyon** (recovering— friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Kenny Shriver** (recovering), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment— former member of Calvary), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions— Marcy Miller's father), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer—Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing—Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: **Sarah** (in hospice—friend of Chris Thomas).

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19 and unsettledness.

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

## Birthdays of the Month

Pastor Chris	7/4	Andrew Miller	7/16
Bill Huelle	7/7	Mary Jo Huelle	7/21
Mel Knoedler	7/8	Chris Jensen	7/22
Dawson Buckley	7/9	Nickie Todd	7/23
Sandi Abel	7/9	Linda Spomer	7/23
Gregg Sell	7/12	Gail Bruflat	7/26
Ashland Todd	7/14	Doug Wollesen	7/27
Lonnie Miller	7/16		

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We **ENCOURAGE** every family of Calvary to support our area Food Pantry. The pantry provides important services to those in need and can really help aid those families who are less fortunate.

**This month's Food Pantry item:**  
**CEREAL**

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

## **Worship With Us Live and Online**

To worship with us live and online, simply log on to Facebook and go to our Facebook page: *Calvary Lutheran Scottsbluff*, a few minutes before the worship start time. You will need to scroll down our Facebook page until you see a video with a red button that says live, click on the 'play' arrow to activate the live video, and then make sure the sound isn't muted. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT**, there is now a link on our website: [calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org), that will allow you to watch our worship services live event without an account (look for the underlined word LINK and click on it. Please feel free to ignore Facebook's attempt to have you log-in or create an account!) We will also save the video to our Facebook page for viewing at a later time. Bulletins with congregational responses and hymns for the worship services will be placed on our website and also emailed to everyone who is on our Calvary Lutheran email list, so you may download or print off the bulletin ahead of time to more fully participate in the worship service wherever you may be. The bulletin will also include weekly announcements and prayer lists. Not on our Calvary email list? Contact the church office, and give us your email address and we will be happy to add you to our list.



### **REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR PANHANDLE CO-OP RECEIPTS**

Please continue to save those Co-Op receipts and drop them in the box outside Pastor Chris' office. Proceeds for these receipts will benefit the Scottsbluff/Gering CatPack and PupPack programs.

**\$10,000 in receipts = \$1,000 for the program.**

**Drop those odd dollar bills in the  
offering plate (or mail them in)  
to benefit**

**Lutheran World Hunger,  
Cat/Pup Packs Backpack Programs,  
Lakota Lutheran Center**



If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, please contact Nancy Steele (632-7558 or 641-7619) 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!

Pastors Sheryl and Chris

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**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 the church office.**

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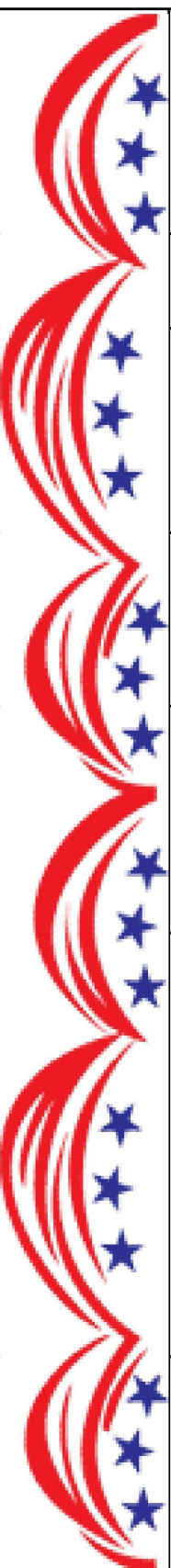
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## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - JULY 2020

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD
July 5 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	LaDonna Schmidt Vicki Howell	Susan Martin	Dennis Gorr	Matt Payne	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
July 12 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Mary Jo Huelle	Bill Huelle	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Jeff VanPatten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele
July 19 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Kathy Randall	Dennis Gorr	Jeff VanPatten	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Andi Dorn Carmen Kleager Shelly Koehler Jessica Laughlin
July 26 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Jack Martin	Bill Huelle	Shawna Payne	Jeff VanPatten	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!



# 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 pm-Zoom Happy Hour	2	3	4  No Worship
5 10 am-Worship	6 10:00 am-VBS Zoom Chat	7 11:30 am-Exec. Com 1 pm-Quilting	8 6:30 pm-Zoom Happy Hour	9	10	11 5:30 pm-Worship
12 10 am-Worship	13 10:00 am-VBS Zoom Chat 6 pm-Council Mtg	14 1 pm-Quilting	15 6:30 pm-Zoom Happy Hour	16 1:30 pm-Parkinson's Support	17	18 5:30 pm-Worship
19 10 am-Worship	20 10:00 am-VBS Zoom Chat	21 1 pm-Quilting	22	23	24	25 5:30 pm-Worship
26 10 am-Worship	27 10:00 am-VBS Zoom Chat	28 1 pm-Quilting	29	30	31	



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