

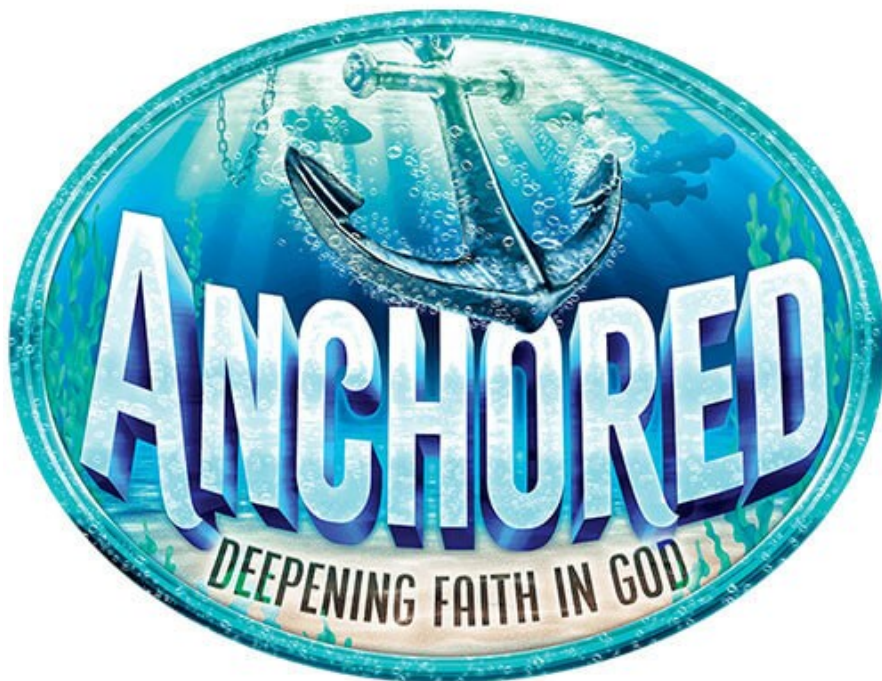


**CALVARY LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH ELCA

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

# Tidings 2021

# JULY



## VBS

**July 23 - July 25**

July 23

Family BBQ: 5:30-6 p.m.

VBS: 6-8:30 p.m.

July 24

VBS 9 a.m.-12 p.m. with picnic  
lunch at noon

July 25

Program during worship

**Questions or to Volunteer:**

**Contact Angie Hinze  
(631-2768)**

**Monetary donations requested to  
help purchase food and supplies.  
Volunteers are needed to organize  
and lead games.**

**Please help if you can!**





Awhile back I had a plant that got infested with some sort of tiny fly and no matter what I tried, I couldn't get rid of them. At first, I tried killing all the flies I could see, but a little while later it seemed like there were just as many as before. I spent several days trying to kill whatever flies I could see, but it didn't seem to help. I bought a house plant insecticide and sprayed that, but all it seemed to do was send the flies scattering into the air. But I can be quite determined when I want to be, so I started spraying once a day and killing any flies it roused up. Still, there were flies and no matter what I did there were always more flies. Finally, I realized that the only thing to be done was to banish the plant to the outside.

Lately, I've begun to realize that there is something else I need to banish—maybe not to the deck or even from my life—but at least from my time alone with God and that's my iPhone and iPad. I get up in the morning to do my daily devotions and I think, "oh, I'll just check my email, take a quick peak at Facebook or look at the news headlines" and the next thing I know, the time I had blocked out for God is gone and I haven't spent any time with God at all; or if I do I find myself distracted and not really focused on God. So, I have banished my iPhone and iPad from my early morning routine. And I'm doing better with keeping my appointment with God.

It amazes me how much time something as small as my smartphone can consume. Now don't get me wrong; I really like my iPhone and iPad. I like being able to text and surf the net pretty much wherever I am. I like being able to read a book or play a game when I'm sitting in a waiting room or need to kill few minutes here or there. But I'm also appalled by how much time I can simply waste away without even being conscious of it. I also find that the more time I spend online, particularly reading news stories how much more anxious I become.

Awhile back I read a blog post on the importance of 'just showing up'. I thought I had saved that post so I could find it later to share, but alas, now that I want to quote from it, I can't find it. But the gist of it was that if we want to deepen our relationship with God, the first thing we need to do is 'show up'. In other words, set a time to spend with God in prayer, silence, reading of scripture (whatever helps to bring you closer to God) and then keep your appointment with God. Mornings work best for me, but maybe over the lunch hour or after the kids have gone to bed would work better for you; it really doesn't matter when you schedule your time with God, the important thing is that you schedule some time with God and then 'show up.' Even on those days when you feel tired or think you are too busy or just don't feel very spiritual, 'show up'. It's amazing how just that simple of act of obedience can bring you closer to God and deepen your faith.

Pastor Sheryl

#### **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

# COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

June 14, 2021

## Board/Committee Reports:

**Scholarship Committee:** moved on behalf of committee to award Kaitlyn Todd (Concordia University) and Emma Foote (Hastings College) a \$701 scholarship each for 2021 fall semester; motion carried.

**Outreach:** will meet Wed., June 16 to look at a mockup of the Mission Statement being considered to place on a wall in the Narthex.

**Elders:** discussion of upcoming pulpit supply and pastoral coverage when pastors are on vacation.

**Trustees:** tower bells were tested, 4 helpers with service audio are being trained, mower has been serviced, new back door has been installed but will need additions and adjustments, discussed installing a type of door-bell on the fellowship hall and parking lot entrance instead of security cameras in the back halls was held, felt it would be good idea, especially when Christy or one of the pastors is there by themselves and are unable to monitor the door.

**Worship & Music:** still searching for additional helpers for the media team. One person has been asked is in the process of being training, but we would be good to have at least one more person.

**Stewards:** working on a theme for consecration Sunday emphasizing being thankful for the continued support the congregation showed through this last year.

**Parish Education:** OWLS will meet rest of the summer on the first Wednesday of each month, EPIC will meet occasionally through the summer, JAM will begin again in Sept.; VBS theme will be “Anchored” over July 23/24/25; Pastor will begin a generosity project in the fall probably on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, which will be an intergenerational event on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. before church.

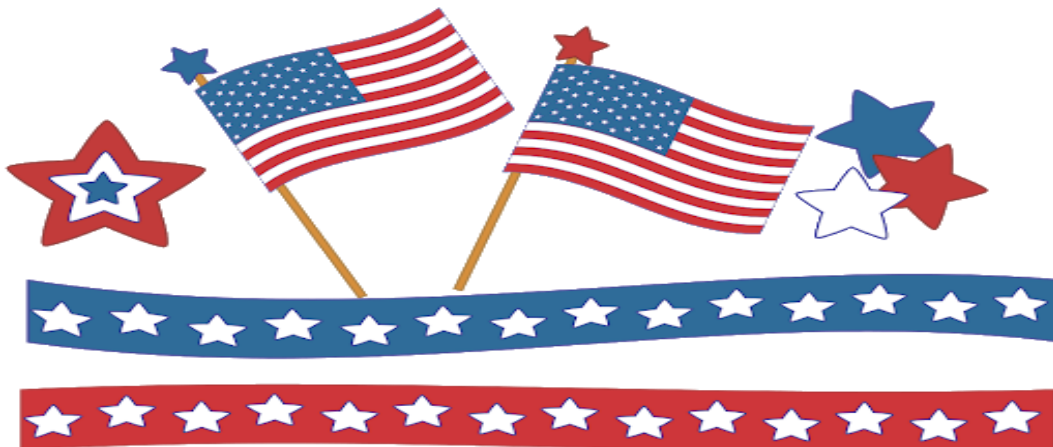
**Financial Report:** Beginning Balance: \$56,722.52    Ending Balance: \$56,867.10

**Pastors' Reports:** Virtual Synod Assembly went smoothly, pastors are again able to visit shut ins

**New Business:** Heart of the Hills fundraiser for Sullivan Hills Camp will be held in Sidney, Thursday, June 24 beginning at 5 pm. Calvary is again sponsoring a table should anyone be interested in going. Discussed having an Ice Cream Social as a way to facilitate fellowship since we haven't been able to hold the BBQ the last 2 years. Discussed having it the second Sunday of September as kind of a kick-off event with the first Generosity Project Event. Consensus seemed to be this would be a good idea. Council will organize.

*Next Council Meeting: July 12, 2021*

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





# *Congratulations!*

 **SENIOR  
RECOGNITION  
SUNDAY**

Emma Foote

Katelyn Newton

Grace Michael



CELEBRATING  
**25**  
Years

Nancy Steele



## **OWLS (Older,Wiser Lutheran's) LUNCHEON**

**July 7 @ 12:00 p.m**

Come enjoy a light lunch and then let's beat the heat with a matinee movie in the Fellowship Hall! We will eat at noon and start the movie at 12:30pm with popcorn, snacks, and drinks! We will finish up around 2pm, so come join us for a fun afternoon!



## **Meeting times & places:**



Ruth Study Group—Wednesday, July 7 @ 10:00 a.m.at Calvary's Education Wing  
 Priscilla Study Group—Monday, July 12 @ 2 p.m. at Calvary's Fellowship Hall  
 Esther Study Group—Tuesday, July 13 @ 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.**

## **SULLIVAN HILLS BIBLE CAMP**

### **FREE IN 2021**

Campers can come to Sullivan Hills Camp (our Lutheran Bible Camp just 10 miles from Lodgepole, NE) for free this summer!

Camp brochures are available in the narthex and outside the office.

To register visit [SullivanHills.org](http://SullivanHills.org)



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



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.

### Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

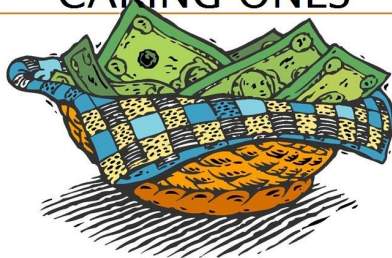
The landscaping outside the building, especially the courtyard could use some tender loving care. Willing to help with weeding, and/or pruning?

Please contact Bill Huelle.



A **"thank you"** to everyone who donated to our BBQ-less BBQ last month! If you forgot to make a donation, it's not too late. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

### 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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**[www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org)**  
to set up your giving to Calvary electronically.







We have two students presently eligible to receive a scholarship: Kaetlyn Todd - Concordia University and Emma Foote - Hastings College. Kaetlyn and Emma will each receive \$701.00 for the fall semester of 2021.

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.



Epic, Angie & Calvary Pastors,  
Thank you all so much for the cake, water bottle & starburst! Your guy's support has truly meant the world to me! You all have given me so many memories that I will never forget! So thankful for all of you!

Quilters,  
Thank you all so much for the beautiful quilt! You all are so talented! It was always so fun to see you when I would come in for lunch! You are all such role models to me!!  
Love you all!  
**Gracee Michael**



Calvary Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for blessing me not only as graduation approached, but for blessing me over the years. God works through you!

Calvary Quilters,  
Thank you ladies for the beautiful quilt, I can't wait to use it in college!  
**Katie Newton**

*Thank You*

Thank you so much to our Calvary family for all of your kind words, hugs, cards, phone calls, food, prayers, and genuine sympathy at the passing of our son, brother, brother-in-law, and uncle Tim Smith. We sincerely felt the love and support from all of you!

Joan Smith  
Pat & Michelle and Family  
Rob & Jackie Gregory and Family  
Crystal Smith and Family  
Grant & Angie Hinze and Family

*Thank You*

Calvary Family,  
Thank you for the farewell sending!  
We appreciate all the kind words!  
We will stay in the boat!!

Larry & Linda Spomer

# Prayer Requests

*Prayers for healing:* **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Lorene** (cancer – Mike Belgum’s mother), **Teigen Brunner** (Healing—Deb Brown’s grandson), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Caleb Payne** (health issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Bill Steele** (Recovering at home), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **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).

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.



## September 12th

Join us the second Sunday of September for our first ever Generosity Project Event starting at 9 a.m., worship service at 10 a.m. and then following worship we will be having an ice cream social hosted by the Council.



Brynlee Payne	7/3	Lonnie Miller	7/16
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

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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**





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.



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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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**<https://www.facebook.com/calvarylutheranscottsbluff>**

**WEBSITE**

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

**FIND US ONLINE!!!!**

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

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - JULY 2021

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD
July 4 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Vicki Howell	Mary Jo Huelle	Dennis Gorr	Matt Payne Merrick Walsh	Chris Jensen	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
July 11 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Angie Hinze	Shari Copsey	Andi Dorn Draven Bowman	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
July 18 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Marti Wegelin	Dennis Gorr	Shawna Payne Katie Hess	Jeff Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
July 25 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	LaDonna Schmidt	Bill Huelle	Jack Martin Dakota Newsom	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey



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





# 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>God Bless America</i>						
4 10 am-Worship	5	6 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	7 10am-Ruth Circle 12pm-OWLS Lunch & Movie	8	9	10 5:30 pm-Worship
11 10 am-Worship	12 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall 6 pm-Council Mtg	13 9am-Esther Circle 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	14	15	16	17 9am-Trustees 5:30 pm-Worship
18 10 am-Worship	19	20 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21	22	23 5:30pm-Family BBQ 6pm-VBS	24 9am-VBS 5:30 pm-Worship
25 10 am-Worship with VBS Program	26	27 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	28	29	30	31





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