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June

1ST ANNUAL BBQ-LESS BBQ

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Doesn't mean we 'CAN'T COME TOGETHER'
to support our mission through these difficult
times.

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Pentecost

May 31, 2020

Pastor's Page

Overwhelmed. Think it's too soon. Are all these rules really necessary? Will people be required to wear masks? You are going to continue live-streaming, right? Can't wait to gather back together! I probably still won't come back to worship for a while. These are the gist of the comments we have received since we emailed/sent out our letter that the Council had voted to resume in-person worship on the first weekend of June. As you can tell, they run the gamut from those who can't wait to gather together again...to those who think all the health directives we are called to follow as we resume in person worship is overkill...to those who are still not comfortable returning to worship.

So, what do we do? We move forward. Scripture is full of places where people didn't have one mind about what should happen next. Early on, the fledgling church had to hold a council at Jerusalem about whether or not to include Gentiles; they did, but not without some differences of opinions on the matter. We similarly are trying to figure out how to move on and resume in person worship in a world that is now very different than it was 3 months ago. The anxieties and questions are real and understandable. Still we move on. And if you don't agree with everything that has been decided; that's okay, but we pray that we will all seek to understand and give grace to one another as we feel our way through these next few months.

Having said that, in-person worship will resume on Saturday, June 6th at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 7th at 10 a.m. The Sunday service will continue to be live-streamed on our Facebook page for those who are in a high risk category or those who do not feel comfortable returning to worship at this time. The doors on the east side of the church will be open for Saturday worship and all doors will be open for Sunday worship. To follow the governor's directive about maintaining 6 feet spacing between households, we ask that when you enter the Narthex, (the entrance area to the sanctuary) you wait for an usher to seat you. Certain pews will be taped off to insure spacing. (This means you might end up in a different spot than you are used to).

Again, following the governor's directives, there will be no bulletins handed out or hymnals in the pews, but you may print the bulletin off from the email we will send out on Fridays or print or download it from our website to your phone/tablet for use during worship. As we have always done on Sundays, everything will be on the screens, but now this will also be true on Saturday nights. (If you are musical and love having the music and not just the words, bring a hymnal with you! Don't have hymnal, drop by the church office to borrow or order one).

After a long discussion by the worship and music committee, the decision was made to combine distribution of Holy Communion with people leaving the sanctuary. This means that as you are dismissed for communion, you will be ushered to the back of the church where you will receive the bread and wine and then depart the sanctuary. If for some reason you do not wish to receive communion, simply make your way to the exits when you are dismissed. Please know that the Altar Guild, Pastors and Communion servers will be following all recommended sanitary practices while handling the bread and wine; this will include the pastor and communion servers washing their hands immediately prior to distribution of communion.

For those are worshipping with us online and would like to receive Holy Communion, we will be providing what we are calling 'drive through communion' for approximately 30 minutes following worship. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, simply drive into the Calvary parking lot where we will be waiting to serve you; you are asked to remain in your car during this time.

Lastly, we strongly urge you to wear a mask when you come for worship, as there is strong evidence that the wearing of a mask helps keep you from unknowingly spreading the virus to others should you be infected and not realize that you are. We also ask that you maintain 6 feet of distance between households and that you greet others and share the exchange of peace with a wave, a word, the 'peace' sign, or some other non-contact form of greeting. Remember, we are asked to do these things not only for our own health but out of care and concern for all God's people.

We do understand this all may feel cumbersome and distracting from worship; it all feels cumbersome and strange to us too, but we want the greatest number of people to feel comfortable returning to worship and we want them to be able to do so as safely as possible. Please bear with us as we figure out best practices and as we modify and adapt what we find works and doesn't work in the weeks to come.

In the meantime, whether in person or online, "Come let us worship our Lord!"
Pastors Sheryl and Chris



Wear Red for Pentecost

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

May 11, 2020

Board/Committee Reports:

Elders – Will meet next Monday. Time for Christy's 90 day review. Christy has performed above and beyond. Spoken very well of by the Pastors. On the recommendation of the Elders, voted to increase Christy's salary by \$2/hr effective June 1st.

Trustees - Lawn mowing started; Bill Thomas helped with sprinkler system check and repair; Bathroom remodel moving forward – old debris torn out, sheet rock up, walls are primed; tile guy is scheduled. Worked on video eliminating glare.

Parish Education – Senior recognition coming up. Angie would like suggestions on how to handle children's sermon when returning to sanctuary worship. VBS discussion - possible virtual VBS with Methodist Church, with packets that could be picked up.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$4,204.47 Ending Balance: \$37,497.08 Includes PPP loan of \$26,500. General fund donations have been very good. Giving is slightly up for this point in the year.

Via email on April 22, 2020 Grant Hinze put forth 2 motions 1.) Calvary apply for a PPP (Payroll Protection Program) loan to help cover staff salaries and benefits for 2 months. Staff Salaries to be covered would be for Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer, Christy Thompson (Office Manager), Angie Hinze (Youth and Family Ministry Director), Becky Martin (Choir Director), Dee Brady (Pianist and Choir Accompanist) and Rhonda Boettcher (Organist). Motion unanimously approved via email response. 2.) that Calvary give permission to Holy Apostles Episcopal Church to not make their monthly contribution to Calvary to cover their part of Pastor Chris and Sheryl's salary and benefits for the 2 month period covered by the PPP Loan. Motion unanimously approved via email response.

Pastor's /Staff Reports: BBQ letter sent out for BBQ-less BBQ. Suggested doing Senior recognition the Sunday before coming back to full public worship with seniors and immediate families as only ones in sanctuary. Service will also be online. It will be a good trial run to figure out how to get people in and out of a service

Confirmation will be rescheduled after discussion with parents/families.

Pastor Chris reported his Dr stated he does NOT have a higher risk for COVID-19 due to his Parkinson's.

Old Business:

Discussion on transferring bookkeeping responsibilities to Christy. Grant suggests she be responsible for entering the bills, print checks, do payroll. Can do everything but signing checks and reconciling the bank account. He will carve out some time to work with her. There are some videos she can watch for training. He will get her set up on the system this week. Neal Blumenkamp moved that Christy be assigned additional accounting responsibilities as part of her duties. Motion passed.

Shari Copsey is currently the 2nd signer on the bank account. An elected person should be the 2nd signer. Voted to authorize Grant Hinze, Jack Martin and Dennis Gorr as signers on the General Account and Common Account at Platte Valley Bank.

Jim Dorn visited JG Elliott to see what we've been paying as premiums. He indicated Guide One wasn't representing our best interest. JG Elliott will research other companies that may cover the church. He will email information to Council members. For this year, our proposed premium will be ~13K. Includes Workmen's Comp, Auto (volunteer coverage – secondary coverage) Property, Liability, etc. Comparable costs are not known at this time. Will follow up next month.

New Business:

Dennis Gorr addressed when to resume sanctuary worship. Moved that May 31st Pentecost Sunday would be in sanctuary worship for graduating Seniors and families only. June 6th as the first Saturday sanctuary worship and June 7th as the first Sunday sanctuary worship. Voted to begin in person worship for all on June 6th & 7th with Senior Recognition Sunday for Seniors and their families only on May 31st. Worship Committee meeting next Monday to figure out all the protocols for sanctuary worship.

Upgrading equipment for live-streaming worship. Dennis Gorr recommended to install and purchase 3 cameras, streaming hub and equipment to use for online streaming of services. Costs are in the range of \$6,000. Looked into funding, can use memorial money (~\$3,000-3,500). There is also Endowment money possibly available. There is an Immanuel Foundation Grant available that can be applied for but those funds would not be received till November. If project is approved by Council, get it ordered immediately. In the long term we will have to boost the sound system. At this point discussions with sound people, a sound board estimate cost is around \$2,000. Voted to approve purchase of new media live streaming equipment as mentioned above.

A media team has been created. It will include 4-5 people who will run the equipment at services. Power Point operator will be part of media team. It will be coordinated with the streaming video. First Lutheran of Kearney is currently using this equipment/method for those who wish to check it out online.

Next Council Meeting: June 8, 2020

A complete copy of the Council Minutes are available on request in the church office.

Virtual Fellowship Opportunities

Do you miss being able to get together with your friends and fellow members of Calvary?

Then join us on Zoom for a Zoom Happy Hour (6:30 to 7 p.m.)! If you are interested, look for the email from the church (if we have your email address) Zoom Happy Hour and use the link provided in the email to join us. If you have never done Zoom before you may need to download some software or an app (depending on whether you are logging in on a computer or device). If we don't have your email address, you will need to contact the church office so that we can send you an invitation to join us. AND, if you need any help getting onto Zoom, please call Pastor Chris at 402/694-9182 and he would love to help you!



As church services resume we are encouraging the use of masks especially while entering and exiting the building. We have cloth masks now available in the church office if needed. Please stop in the church office to pick yours up today.

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.



SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP 2020

All summer camps for 2020 have been suspended due to COVID-19

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

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



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, that will allow you to watch our worship services live event without an account (look for the underlined word LINK and click on it. And please feel free to ignore Facebook's attempt to have you login 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.

When traveling, bring back any unused hotel/motel unused shampoos, soaps, and lotions and place them in the D.O.V.E.'s box by Pastor Chris' office. They are very much appreciated.



Women^{of the} ELCA *June Mission Project*

Our Mission Project for June is **Sullivan Hills Camp**. This month we are asking your help in sending monetary support to Sullivan Hills Camp. The camp offers programs for grades 1-12, a confirmation camp, programs for special needs families, and a beautiful setting for retreats. Donations may be placed in the tan “*Designated Giving*” envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them WELCA Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP

June Bible Studies



All Women's Bible Study Groups have been canceled for the month of June. We will keep you updated, check the website and Facebook page for any new information that becomes available to us.

Join us for Men's Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m in the fellowship hall or via Zoom. If you would like to join please call or email the church to let us know!



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Scan the QR code to the right or go on to our website:
www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org
to set up your giving to Calvary electronically.



Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **Mary Ellen Kropp** (pancreatitis—mother of Krista Gingrich), **Kent Zweifel**, (Recovering from surgery—Robert & Deanna Zweifel's son), **Alice Shriver** (Recovering at Heritage), **Jean Collins** (Health Issues), **Kathy Johnson** (Health Issues), **Betty Kenyon** (recovering from emergency surgery—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision after surgery—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Kenny Shriver** (recovering), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer treatment—friend of Susan Martin), **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 the family and friends of **Larry Miller** (Lonnie Miller's brother)

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

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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Birthdays of the Month

Linda Wollesen	6/1	Dawn Holub	6/16
Joshua Miller	6/4	Dakota Newsom	6/19
Noni Annett	6/6	Delores Jorgensen	6/20
Lora Blumenkamp	6/9	Nannie Walsh	6/21
Trisha Foote	6/10	Gabriele Holub	6/25
Wally Randall	6/11	Alice Shriver	6/26
Darcy Schlothauer	6/12	Steve Kaufman	6/27
Dennis Gorr	6/14	Fran Johnson	6/28
Dennis Katus	6/15	Donna Hackman	6/28
Kaylynn Buckley	6/16	Peg Henderson	6/29

If we missed your birthday, please let the office know!



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

This month's Food Pantry item:
CANNED FRUIT

This month's Backpack Program item:
OATMEAL

The Stephen Ministry Symbol



REACH OUT - TODAY! 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 Nancy Steele (632-7558) 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 newsletter is the 20th of each month.
Please send your items to Christy in the church office.

Find us on Facebook.

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

WEBSITE

www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org

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The worship bulletin, announcements as well as the "Taking Faith Home" inserts are all available on our website. Worship podcasts from sermons by Pastors Sheryl and Chris are also available to listen to.

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - JUNE 2020

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT	ALTAR GUILD
June 7 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Susan Martin	Dennis Gorr	Maunette Loeke	
June 14 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Kathy Randall	Bill Huelle	Jeff VanPatten Jeff VanPatten	
June 21 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Jack Martin	Angie Hinze	Dennis Gorr	Shawna Payne	
June 28 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Marti Wegelin	Bill Huelle	Mary Jo Huelle	

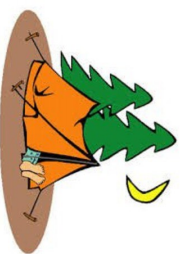


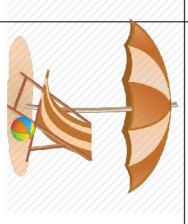
If you are unable to serve,

please find a replacement and inform the church office. Thanks!





June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 7 10:00am-Worship	1 8 6:00pm-Council Mtg	2 11:30 am Exec. Com 1:00pm—Quilting	3	4	5	6 5:30pm-Worship
14 10:00am-Worship	15	16 1:00pm-Quilting	17	18 10:00am-Parkinsons Mtg	19 	20 5:30pm-Worship
21 FATHER'S DAY 10:00am-Worship 		23 1:00pm-Quilting	24	25	26	27 5:30pm-Worship
28 10:00am-Worship	29	30 1:00pm-Quilting				



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We will be resuming
in-person worship starting
June 6th at 5:30 p.m. and
June 7th at 10:00 a.m. We
look forwarding to see you!!