



CALVARY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH ELCA

# Tidings 2021

# June

## 2nd ANNUAL BBQ-LESS BBQ

A suggested \$75 donation

All donations will go to the **Lakota Lutheran Center** to help them reach the funds needed to receive a matching grant which will allow them to put in new flooring at the Center.

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



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## Reception in Honor of Nancy Steele

Please join us on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> as we recognize and celebrate Nancy's 25 years as Parish Ministry Associate. Nancy has faithfully served Calvary and the Nebraska Synod in a myriad of different ways throughout her 25 years as a PMA. We give thanks for Nancy's 25 years of ministry and invite you to celebrate with us at a reception in her honor in the Fellowship Hall following Worship on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.



# Pastor's Page

Well the CDC has spoken! “Vaccinated people can gather indoors without masks and social distancing.” So, the pandemic is over right? Well, not so fast. Countries around the world are still reporting a large number of cases, India is out of hospital beds and there is some concern over the latest mutations. We will all probably need a booster this fall and locally the vaccination rate is frankly, poor. So, no we still have a ways to go yet.

Many of you are tired of hearing about Covid and are more than ready to ditch the masks and restrictions all together. As a Church, we are taking a ‘go slow’ approach, we have members who cannot be vaccinated and those who for various reasons have chosen not to. Some especially in this last category feel they are willing to take the risks involved, some are continuing to distance and even isolate.

As the Church, the Body of Christ we are called to care for our neighbor, we take this seriously and drives our response to the CDC guidelines. So as Pastors, (we are fully vaccinated) we will generally not have masks on, unless asked to wear a mask and in stores and other places that still require them. We will still wear a mask presiding over communion for the near future and possibly stop later on but wear them again during ‘flu’ season. Greeting parishioners with a handshake may be a while yet, and the offering plate will remain in the narthex as well.

Soon we will be seeking volunteers to serve ‘coffee’ and gathering together will be strongly encouraged! Some practices may never return to the way they were before this all hit, and some changes that have taken place are now permanent like livestreaming worship. (Funeral services in particular, have strong participation online).

Yes, things will still be a bit confusing, maybe even awkward for a time. Please be patient as we decide when and how to greet you after (or before) worship. Feel free to share your insights as to what you would like to see happen and how soon. Participate in a way that you feel comfortable and still respects the person in the pew who wants to talk, say hi, but still keeps a large ‘personal space’.

Mostly, we want to say thank you. Thank you for your understanding and patience over the past year as we tried to do what was best for curbing the virus. Thank you for your continued support, we have been amazed at how giving continued in such a strong fashion. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we move forward.

Pastor Chris



## 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 10, 2021

## Board/Committee Reports:

**Outreach:** Committee agreed on verse for breezeway. VBS advertising will be worked on. Next meeting 16th of June.

**Elders:** Will be meeting in May, with focus on putting into action the recommendations from the insurance company for liability coverage.

**Social Ministries:** Habitat for Humanity will not happen due to rising cost of materials. May not meet until August, unless something comes up.

**Trustees:** Worked some on the outside, minor things. Winchell's will mow the lawn again this season; looking to find someone to service the lawn irrigation system.

**Worship & Music:** In person attendance is picking up, all is good. Pianos have been tuned; the organ will be tuned this coming Tuesday.

**Parish Education:** OWLS met on the 7<sup>th</sup> with a nice turn out. JAM is going, scheduled through May 12<sup>th</sup>; working on restructuring EPIC - Summer and Fall schedule has been planned. VBS is a weekend program this year targeting July 24-26, will confirm dates at the May meeting.

**Financial Report:** Beginning Balance: \$56,222.95 Ending Balance: \$56,722.52 Received \$1,950 in donations for families needing financial assistance due to Covid - money went to CAPWN. Last April payroll was paid May 1, so it doesn't show on April report.

**Pastor's /Staff Reports:** Taking the weekend of June 5-6 for vacation - Bill Huelle will cover the service for them. Pastor Chris reported on the Mission trip to King Lake near Fremont. Still problems from floods 2 years ago. King's Garden Ministry was supervising the work. The garden is a huge community garden that anyone can use. Fenced it to keep deer out. Some of the other projects included drywall installation, prep work and painting. Many houses are still not livable. Please double check the doors if you are the last one to leave. Some of them have not been closed tightly, or locked. Received an email from a Pastor from Minneapolis, whose daughter is having difficulty finding housing in Scottsbluff for the summer. She will be working at the Riverside Discovery Center. If someone knows of an apartment, or could host her for a short time, please let the office know. The Pastors will be doing Continuing Ed online May 17-21. They will be available if needed, but not in the offices during that time.

**Old Business:** Information for BBQ-less BBQ has gone out.

**New Business:** Synod Assembly is coming up. Mary Jo and Bill Huelle will attend on Zoom. Jack Martin moved to raise our Synod Assembly offering to \$600; Neal Blumenkamp 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion accepted.

*Next Council Meeting: June 14, 2021*

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







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

**June 2 @ 12:00 p.m**

Front Yard Barbeque! Bring your lawn chairs and join us on the front lawn at noon for a BBQ and some much needed fellowship!



## **Luncheon Invitation**

**Saturday, June 26 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Calvary Lutheran Fellowship Hall**

The Women's Board would like to recognize Jan Wylie for her faithful service as our treasurer for 16 years.

We are grateful for all Jan has done for the Women of the ELCA here at Calvary, and we want to invite the women of the congregation to join us for a luncheon in Jan's honor.

Please come and thank Jan for her dedicated & diligent service.

## **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)



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.



## **SHEETS NEEDED!**

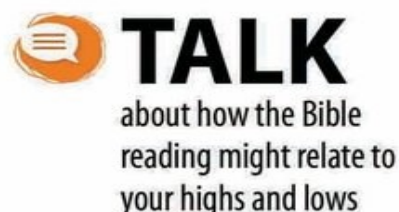
The quilting ladies are in need of sheets. If anyone would like to donate please drop them off in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your generosity!



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
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.75</b>
Thank you for shopping!	



**www.faith5.org**

The 4G network developed by our own Nebraska Synod has produced a series of short video clips guiding you and your family, or a friend (or two, or three!) through a wonderfully simple devotional practice called the Faith 5. All you will need is your Bible, no devotional book, commentary or study book. (Oh, and a willingness to talk!)

Once a month we will highlight one of these videos with people across the Nebraska Synod sharing together this simple way to talk, pray and learn. They will literally demonstrate sharing their 'highs' and 'lows', reading a scripture text, talking about it, (simply adding your thoughts, not what a commentary or even Pastor has to say about it), then pray for one another's highs and lows and finally bless one another. (A simple, "May you be aware of God's presence this day." is sufficient.) There will be opportunities to pause the video and add your own highs/lows, comments, prayers and blessing.

You can do this with your family, (from toddlers to great-grandparent), a friend or neighbor, a fellow member of Calvary or even someone from another church. All you need is a Bible and a way to access the video.

For the members of Calvary, we are going to set up two trees, a 'Zoom' tree, (for those who wish to connect by computer) and a phone tree (for those without computers or internet access or who simply prefer to connect by phone). To participate, simply call, email or stop in the office and say, "*please add me to the phone tree or Zoom tree*" and we will do the rest.

We are also looking for people with internet access who would be willing to host one of the phone groups which means you would pull up the video and share it with those who are joining via phone. Once you have listened to the video together you would then share highs/lows, thoughts, prayers and blessings with one another.

The videos run a whole ten minutes! Which means you share/read/talk/pray/bless for another 10 minutes. The entire process can be done in 20 minutes! The overall theme of the scripture texts is generosity and encourages us to see our God as a generous God. We are starting with December's video which is #12 in the series. We will post the other 11 in no particular order. It doesn't matter. What matters is the opportunity to see (or listen to how Faith 5 can work for you and allow you to practice this. Sign up, or go ahead and create your group, establish a time that works, head to [Calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://Calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org) and look for the video under 'Faith Formation'.

Any questions? Or for more information. Talk with Pastor Chris

### 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

*Thank You*

Thank you to everyone who has sent such beautiful cards and notes. We have truly appreciated hearing from each one of you.

Wanda & Caleb Payne

*Thank You*

Dear Calvary Lutheran Church Family,  
Thank you for the many prayers, kind words, and for the beautiful prayer shawl. It brings us so much comfort.

Love

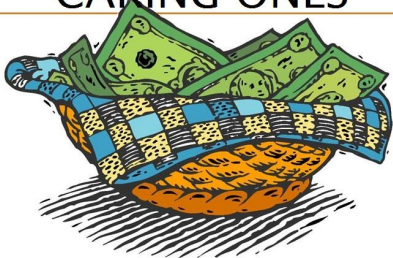
Robert & Deanna Zweifel & Family

### **NEW SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!**

Our new summer office hours through  
September 1, 2020 will be  
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday - Friday



### **CARING ONES**



**Drop those odd dollar bills in the  
offering plate to benefit  
Lutheran World Hunger,  
Cat/Pup Pack Backpacks Program,  
Lakota Lutheran Center**

### **WANT TO SIMPLIFY YOUR GIVING?**

Scan the QR code to the right or go to our website:  
**[www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org)**  
to set up your giving to Calvary electronically.



## Women <sup>of the</sup> 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**



### Meeting times & places:



Ruth Study Group—Wednesday, June 2 @ 10:00 a.m. at Calvary's Education Wing

Esther Study Group—Tuesday, June 8 @ 9:00 a.m. at Ruth Harris' home

Priscilla Study Group—Monday, June 14 @ 2 p.m. at Calvary's Fellowship Hall

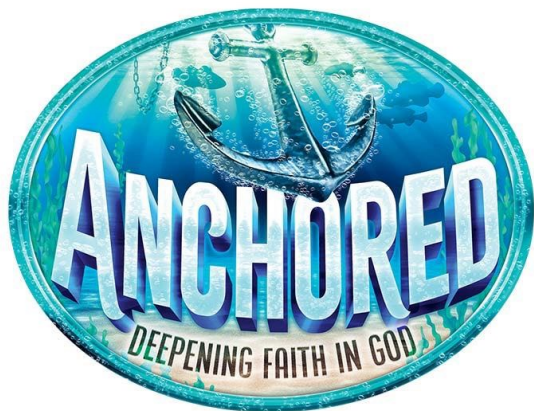
### **ANOTHER BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY**

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.**

## Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School

**July 23 - July 25**



We are trying something new! We will be offering “Anchored” a weekend Vacation Bible School. We will have a BBQ Friday night to kick things off, spend some time together on Saturday morning, and then have a program at church on Sunday! More details later!



## Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

### ✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

*Prayers for healing:* **LaDonna Schmidt** (recovering from colon cancer surgery), **Lorene** (cancer – Mike Belgum's mother), **Deb** (knee replacement surgery—Janet Miller's sister), **Teigen Brunner** (Healing—Deb Brown's grandson), **Syl Holdt** (recovering from knee surgery), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Caleb Payne** (health issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Bill Steele** (Recovering at home), **Harlan Meyer** (Lonnie Miller's uncle), **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).

*Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world: in this time of Covid-19 and general unsettledness. For everyone in need!*

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

## Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

### It's Easy!

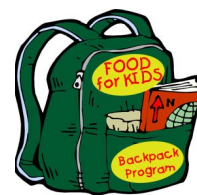
1. Go to your device's App Store.
2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.



## 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	Steve Kaufman	6/27
Darcy Schlothauer	6/12	Fran Johnson	6/28
Dennis Gorr	6/14	Donna Hackman	6/28
Dennis Katus	6/15	Peg Henderson	6/29
Kaylynn Buckley	6/16		

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.



Calvary's Church Office Phone number: (308) 632-8023 or 632-8024  
Contact the Office by E-mail at: [calvarylutheranscottsbluff@gmail.com](mailto:calvarylutheranscottsbluff@gmail.com)  
Send physical mail / offerings to: 17 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
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Pastor Sheryl:Kester Beyer (402) 694-9182 [pastorsherylkb@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsherylkb@gmail.com)  
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Nancy Steele, PMA 632-7558 [steelentlynne@gmail.com](mailto:steelentlynne@gmail.com)

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](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.

Just go to [www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org) and click on the worship tab.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - JUNE 2021

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD
June 6 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Mary Jo Huelle		Matt Payne	Jeff Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
June 13 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	LaDonna Schmidt	Shari Copsey	Andi Dorn	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
June 20 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Susan Martin	Dennis Gorr	Shawna Payne	Jeff Van Patten	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
June 27 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Kathy Randall	Bill Huelle	Jack Martin	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!





# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	2 10am-Ruth Circle 12pm-OWLS BBQ	3	4	5 9am-Bridal Shower 5:30pm-Worship
6 10:00am-Worship	7	8 9am-Esther Circle 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	9	10	11	12 5:30pm-Worship
13 10:00am-Worship	14 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall 6pm-Council	15 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	16 6:15 Outreach	17	18 	19 9am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship
20 <u>FATHER'S DAY</u> 10:00am-Worship	21 5pm-Elders 6pm-Worship 6pm-Stewards	22 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	23	24	25	26 12pm-Women's Luncheon for Jan Wylie 5:30pm-Worship
27 10:00am-Worship 	28	29 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	30			



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Let My teaching fall like  
rain and My words descend  
like dew, like showers on  
new grass, like abundant rain  
on tender plants. <sup>Deuteronomy</sup> 32:2