

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY



Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 26

Meal: 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Worship: 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

MARCH 4 — APRIL 1

Lenten Meal: 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Lenten Worship Service: 6:30 p.m.

JAM: 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Choir Practice: 7:15 p.m.



Busy...Reconnecting with an Unhurried God

is once again our theme for our Wednesday night Lenten services. The season of Lent has often been a time when we think about “giving something up”—a holdover from its penitential flavor in the medieval church and while “giving something up” can be a helpful practice; we want to encourage you this year to think less about “giving up” and more about “*making room*” for God.

So join us during Lent at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings for Worship as we “*make room*” for God in the midst of our busy lives this Lent.

Dear Friends in Christ,

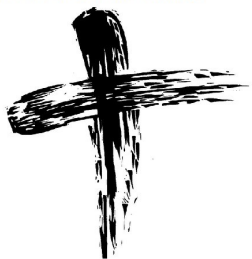
"We want our cake, and we want it now!" That might be a good motto for today's world. With instant everything from text messaging to iced tea, everything is now on demand. Nothing new here really, preachers of the gospel have often raised a critique to our impatient society. I'm including myself here (as both preacher and as one who can be impatient) Just the other day, I was in a 'big box store' fuming because there were three people ahead of me in the check out line, and I couldn't understand why they didn't open another register. I accept the fact that I am caught up in this push for the 'now'.



We may think this a modern malady, but the reality is humankind has always been impatient. The children of Israel couldn't wait a day in the wilderness for God to do something and it didn't get any better. In Isaiah 9:1-4, the writer speaks of God's salvation coming. At this point in history, Judah is the only thing left of the nation of Israel. The writer envisions the people of Israel in a time of oppression calling out for God's redemption. Yet the writer doesn't speak of God coming to them, but to the northern areas of Naphtali and Zebulun. That is, the writer is likening God's saving work to the rising sun. First it appears in the east and then spreads across the land. God's salvation won't come immediately to Judah, it will progress and it will take time. God's people wanted God to act now, God was telling them, "Be patient."

Yes, another Lent is upon us. One of the purposes of Lent is to remind us to wait patiently on God's time. No, we can't leap from Christmas to Easter. To get to Easter from Christmas, we have to go through Lent. Lent's disciplines of prayer, fasting, and giving sacrifice remind us that while Christ's work on the cross is finished and we stand in the light of God's redeeming love, God's salvation is still progressing. God's saving work is finished, but the work of redemption is still ongoing. One day that work will be completed as well. Until then we wait patiently. Lent is a good time, a good time to remind us in this 'now' generation that from the beginning God's work has taken time like well aged beef or cheese or wine.

REMEMBER THAT THOU ART DUST...



...AND UNTO DUST SHALT THOU RETURN

So, slow down and make space this Lent to see God at work, in and through your life.

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

February 10, 2020

Board/Committee Reports:

Outreach – Mary Jo Huelle reported Calvary Lutheran vinyl decals for vehicles are coming. The Outreach Committee is encouraging members to go on Facebook and/or Google and write a review about Calvary. Next meeting will be April 15.

Elders – Dennis Gorr gave an update on Neal Blomenkamp and the search for a new Office Manager (see new business)

Social Ministries - Jack Martin reporting. Meeting this coming week.

Trustees - Jim Dorn reporting. Not a busy month. Welcomed new members to their committee. General maintenance items happening.

Worship & Music - Dennis Gorr reporting. Worked on Lent & Easter services. Lenten meals are all taken by groups. Maundy Thursday service is @ 6:30; Good Friday is @ 7:30.

Stewards – No chair currently for this board. Intergenerational event coming up.

Parish Education – Angie Hinze reporting. Souper Bowl of Caring luncheon was a great success. \$584 in donations will be sent to the Pup and CatPack programs.

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance: \$7,215.98 Ending Balance: \$10,297.97

Pastor's /Staff Reports:

Hospital visits; gearing up for Lent; working with Intergenerational Event coming up March 7 for the whole Cluster, not just Calvary; also have invited some ecumenical partners.

Adult mission trip to work in Texas – Feb. 29 through March 6.

Old Business:

2020 Mission Share commitment letter has been sent; letter received thanking Calvary for Lutheran Disaster Response donation.

New Business:

Office Manager update. Deb Brown not going to be able to take over from Mary Jo, so Elders posted our position on Indeed.com. Several candidates to choose from. Position was offered to Christy Thompson. She will start March 2. After 90 days and a positive review, she will be given a raise. She does have bookkeeping skills. The Council voted to affirm the hiring of Christy Thompson as church Office Manager.

BBQ dates are set for June 6-7.

Next Council Meeting: March 9, 2020



2020 ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHES

Lenten Lunches will be held on Tuesdays from Noon to 1 p.m. during Lent. Themes to be examined this year will be change, bread, light, life, and leaving. If interested, please note the schedule below. Also, if you are interested in helping with the luncheon for March 17 when Calvary is scheduled to host, please talk to Pastors Sheryl or Chris.

SCHEDULE

March 3 - First United Methodist Church
2002 4th Ave., Scottsbluff

March 10 - WestWay Christian Church
1701 W. 27th St., Scottsbluff

March 17 - Calvary Lutheran Church
17 E. 27th St., Scottsbluff

March 24 - St. Francis Episcopal Church
14 E. 20th St., Scottsbluff

March 31 - First Christian Church
2102 Avenue A, Scottsbluff



The Apostles' Creed - Saturday, April 25, 2020

What are we actually saying when we profess the creed? How do I put words to my own faith? During this course, we will dive into these questions in the context of the Apostles' Creed from Luther's Small Catechism.

Cost of \$25 includes programming, lunch, and a copy of Luther's Small Catechism.

Location:

Sullivan Hills Camp - 10 miles N of Lodgepole, NE

Questions:

Katherine Albin @ KAlbin@NLOM.org
or 402-944-2544.

WELCOMING OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME CHRISTY THOMPSON
AS OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER.

CHRISTY'S FIRST DAY WILL BE MARCH 2ND.

PLEASE BE SURE TO STOP IN THE OFFICE WHEN YOU ARE AT CALVARY TO WELCOME HER AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF SO THAT SHE CAN BEGIN TO GET TO KNOW US.

THANK YOU RECEPTION FOR MARY JO HUELLE SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND FOLLOWING WORSHIP

A year ago, Mary Jo stepped in as our Office Manager on an interim basis following Noni's retirement. Mary Jo will be working with and training our new Office Manager during March, but please join us on Sunday, March 22nd as we say thank you to Mary Jo for her service in the office this past year.





HELP US STOCK THE HELPSHELF

Did you know 1 in 5 Community College students has gone hungry within the last month, unable to pay for a meal?

Lutheran Campus Ministry of Scottsbluff is seeking donations for the **HelpShelf** which provides basic items for students at WNCC and the UNMC College of Nursing.

Items requested are: Granola or Cereal Bars, Individual Cup of Noodles or Mac'n'Cheese.

This is an ongoing project through out the year to keep the shelves stocked. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



SUNDAY, March 8

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

SAVE YOUR PANHANDLE CO-OP RECEIPTS



Don't forget to save your Co-Op receipts and drop them in the yellow box just outside Pastor Chris' office.

These receipts will go to benefit the Scottsbluff and Gering Backpack food program. Thanks!

FREE SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP 2019

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



OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) LUNCHEON

ravioli bake, salad, bread, dessert

Program to be announced.



March Mission Project

Our Mission Project for March is the **LAKOTA CENTER FOOD DRIVE**.

All the members of Calvary are invited to donate toward our mission project for the month of March. We will take monetary donations for the Lakota Lutheran Center. The Lakota Center has lost a large portion of their funding from the Nebraska Synod, and we would like to help with their ministry by helping with donations for their food program. Use the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews and mark WELCA Mission on them. They can then be placed in the offering plates on Saturday night or Sunday morning.



Thank you from the Women's Board.



"We Are Called" continues our studies for 2020. In March we will be learning the central way we respond to God's call is by serving others. When we do that, they see Christ visible in our loving service. We will focus on "Who is my neighbor, and what does my neighbor need?"

Meeting times are

Priscilla Study Group—Tuesday, March 3 @ 7:30 p.m.- Angie Hinze's home
615 Valley View Dr., Scottsbluff

Ruth Study Group—Wednesday, March 4 @ 10:00 a.m.- at church

Hannah Study Group—Monday, March 9 @ 7:00 p.m.— home of Chris Thomas
140786 Experiment Farm Road, Mitchell

Esther Study Group—Tuesday, March 10 @ 9:00 a.m.- Ruth Harris' home
9 Brentwood Ct., Scottsbluff

ANOTHER BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Each Tuesday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. 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.



The Women's Board would like to thank all those who have donated to our Bakeless Bake Sale the last two years. We collected around \$1200 to be distributed for our additional mission projects. We were able to give \$400 to Project Comfort which helps pay for the containers that ship our quilts and kits overseas to be distributed to those in need. We also gave \$400 to the Lakota Lutheran Center to help with their ongoing financial needs. And finally, we gave \$400 to Lutheran Disaster Relief designated for flood relief for eastern Nebraska. Again, thank you for making these donations.



Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

Prayers for healing:

Linda Spomer (heart tests), **Mylah Buckley** (RSV—granddaughter of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Wes Sell** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Twila Aschenbrenner** (recovering from surgery), **Candy** (chemo--friend of Susan Martin), **Deanna Zweifel** (recovering), **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).

If you have Prayer Requests, please contact Nancy Steele through her e-mail—nancylsteele@embargmail.com



March



Brad Johnston	3/3	Andrea Miller	3/15
Nancy Steele	3/4	Kenneth Shriver	3/15
Craig Bartel	3/5	Brooke Samuelson	3/17
Ella Foote	3/5	Mike Belgium	3/19
Jennifer Schafer	3/6	Roy Howell	3/19
Elizabeth Buckley	3/6	Brian Christeleit	3/20
Melissa Guerrero	3/7	Larry Spomer	3/23
Joe Lentz	3/7	Derek Smith	3/23
Caleb Payne	3/8	Randy Schafer	3/24
Neal Blomenkamp	3/11	Bill Steele	3/25
Marv Braaten	3/12	Paul Bueide	3/26
Michael Schuler	3/14	Eric Dorn	3/27
Syl Holdt	3/14	Carmen Kleager	3/27
Crystal Newton	3/15		



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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:

BOXED DINNERS
(tuna/hamburger helper)

This month's Backpack Program item:

FRUIT CUPS

APRIL will be:

CANNED MEATS
MAC N CHEESE BOWLS

CALVARY YOUTH NEWS - MARCH



JAM

**Wednesdays-6 p. m.
(K-6th grade)**

Each Wednesday during Lent, please plan to come as
a family for our Lenten meals at 5:30 p.m.
and then attend church services together at 6:30 p.m.

JAM will be from 7-7:30 p.m.

We will have different Lenten crafts, games, and activities planned.

February 26 — ASH WEDNESDAY

Youth will be serving a baked potato bar for the congregation at 5:30 p.m.
All youth are invited to help serve. Any parents who would like to help are
welcome as well. There is **NO JAM** this evening.

March 4—Lenten Dinner

March 11—Lenten Dinner

March 18—Lenten Dinner

March 25—Lenten Dinner

April 1—Lenten Dinner

Each Lenten service will be followed by a lesson on the symbols of Lent.



(7th-12th grade youth)

February 26 — Ash Wednesday. All youth will be serving our Lenten meal for
the congregation at 5:30 p.m.

March 22—EPIC Fellowship at 11:15 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at Calvary.

Lunch will be served!



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).

ENDOWMENT FUND AWARDS

The following requests were approved by the Endowment Committee:

Calvary Quilters	\$350
Lakota Lutheran Center	\$936
Pup/Cat Packs	\$1000
NLOM, Sullivan Hills Bible Camp	\$2500

Because not all available funds were dispersed, applications are again open until May 31, 2020. Forms are available in the office.

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

Send physical mail/offerings to: 17 E. 27th Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361.

Pastor Chris:Kester Beyer (402) 694-9189 pastorchriskb@gmail.com

Pastor Sheryl:Kester Beyer (402) 694-9182 pastorsherylkb@gmail.com

Youth & Family Ministry Dir. Angie Hinze: 631-2768 adhinze@gmail.com

Nancy Steele, PMA: 632-7558 steelenlyne@gmail.com

Deadline for weekly announcements is Wed. at 5 PM.

Deadline for monthly Tidings Newsletter content is the 20th of each calendar month.



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WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - MARCH 2020

DATE	TIME	USHERS PRAYER ASSISTANTS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
March 1 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub Marsha Bueide Val Rahrs	Susan Martin	LaDonna Schmidt Vicki Howell Marlene Downer	Sydney Hinze Ayden Tompkins	Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks	Prepare Coffee: Cookies/Clean Up:
March 8 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Barb & Chris Jensen	Kathy Randall	LaDonna Schmidt Deb Brown Jeannie Stormoe	Jeff Van Patten Josh Miller	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele	Prepare Coffee: Cookies/Clean Up:
March 15 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Maunette Loeks Jeff Van Patten	Jack Martin	LaDonna Schmidt Joan Smith Nannie Walsh	Matt Payne Merrick Walsh	Shelly Koehler Andi Dorn Jessica Laughlin Carmen Kleager Angela Bonow	Prepare Coffee: Cookies/Clean Up:
March 22 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Shirle Schudlies LuVerne Knoedler	Mary Jo Huelle	LaDonna Schmidt Barb Jensen Fran Johnson	Trea Hess Katie Hess	Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks	Prepare Coffee: Cookies/Clean Up:
March 29 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Shari Copsey	LaDonna Schmidt Marj Nikont Pat Smith	Gracee Michael Draven Bowman	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele	Prepare Coffee: Cookies/Clean Up:

If you are unable to serve,

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am-Adult Study 10am-Worship	2	3 8:30am-Men's Study Noon-Lenten Lunch Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7:30 pm-Priscilla Grde	4 10am-Ruth Grde Noon-OWLS Luncheon 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship & Confirmation 7:00pm-JAM 7:15pm-Choir Practice	5 6:45pm-Bible Study @ Steeles	6	7 9 to 3-Generosity Project and Cross+Generational Lab (and Cluster Meeting) @ Calvary 5:30pm-Worship
8 9am-Adult Study 10am-Worship DAVLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  <i>Spring Forward 1 hr.</i>	9 1 pm-Exec Com 6pm-Council 7pm-Hannah Circle	10 8:30am-Men's Study 9am-Esther Circle Noon-Lenten Lunch Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	11 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship & Confirmation 7:00pm-JAM 7:15pm-Choir Practice	12 6:45pm-Bible Study @ Steeles	13	14 5:30pm-Worship
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22 9am-Adult Study 10am-Worship	23	24 8:30am-Men's Study Noon-Lenten Lunch Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	25 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship & Confirmation 7:00pm-JAM 7:15pm-Choir Practice	26 6:45pm-Bible Study @ Steeles	27 	28 5:30pm-Worship
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It was one
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days when the sun shines hot
and the
wind blows cold:
when it is summer in the *light,*
and winter in the
shade.

~Charles Dickens