

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

FEBRUARY 24–MARCH 24

Lenten Worship Service: 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice: following worship

Please note: there will be NO Lenten Dinners this year



Join us on Wednesday nights during Lent as we discover how each of us is a holy vessel despite our brokenness.

Holy Week Schedule



March 28th - Palm Sunday Service @ 10:00 a.m.

April 1st - Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 p.m.

April 2nd - Good Friday Service with Youth @ 7:30 p.m.

April 3rd - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service @ 5:30 p.m.

April 4th - Easter Sunday Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!



All Services will be in-person and broadcast LIVE on our Facebook Page:
Calvary Lutheran Scottsbluff

So this is the time of Lent when I seriously start regretting having given up sweets for Lent. I find myself craving sweets; opening the pantry door and just staring, hoping that something will jump out at me and satisfy my craving. I've been eating more fruit, in the hopes that that will help. I've even caught myself just wandering the grocery store aisles hoping for something that will satisfy.



Of course, Lent is not all about 'giving something up' so I have been trying to be more consistent in my morning prayer time which I have been doing somewhat well at, but I have to be honest even after all these years I still struggle to make it an everyday thing. I'm not sure why, but it's sometimes hard for me to carve out time for God & even when I do, I often feel like I'm just going through the motions, that there's not a lot of depth or substance there. And I'm not blaming God; I know the problem lies with me.

And yet, there are also those times when I sit down, and God seems right there, and I feel his presence. Feel his love washing over me, his forgiveness cleansing me.

One prayer practice I have tried adding this past year, which I believe is helping me to feel more connected to God, is to use whatever scripture I have read for the day as inspiration for my prayers, sometimes I even write them down although normally I just pray my prayers in my head.

One such prayer I recently stumbled across (that I had written last spring) is based on the story of Elisha and his interactions with a woman and her family recorded in 1 Kings 4:18-37. The Woman (who has no children) cares for Elisha during a time of famine and as a reward he proclaims that she will become pregnant and give birth to a son. This is not anything she asks for, but Elisha's words prove true and she is given the gift of a son nine months later, as Elisha had prophesied. A few years later, however, the child grows ill and dies. The woman seeks out Elisha bitter that her son, that she had not asked for in the first place, has now been taken from her. Elisha, upon hearing what has happened goes to where the child is laying and raises him from the dead.

Below is the prayer I wrote based on this Bible story.

May God bless your Lenten journey.

Pastor Sheryl

God of new life-
Your ways are a mystery to me.
Life and death and life again.
We catch glimpses here and there of this new life
But only glimpses
Trees budding
Tulips springing forth from the ground
Birds singing, calling to and fro
Life-the most precious gift you give returns
Every breath we take is a reminder
Of this most precious gift.
Let us, therefore live each day,
In thankfulness and praise,
Serving, not ourselves, but each other
Friends and strangers alike
Those precious ones you have placed within our care.
Amen.



COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

February 8, 2021

Board/Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Thanks to Lynn Margheim for her help last year; Mary Jo Huelle will be chairing this year.

Endowment Committee: Committee changed the deadline to Jan 31 for grant applications – they will check to be sure it matches the by-laws. Some of the groups who usually raised money on the Lenten dinners were encouraged to apply for grants. There were 11 endowment requests for just over \$22,300. The following is a list of Grants the Committee approved in the amount of \$15,360:

Lakota Lutheran Center	\$2,000
Calvary Quilters	\$ 240
Calvary Worship & Music (microphones)	\$1,400
CLCW kitchen supplies	\$ 650
EPIC – National Youth Gathering	\$ 500
Cooperative Ministries – backpack	\$2,345
Calvary Social Ministry – ELCA World Hunger	\$ 500
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CAPWN – Family Stabilization	\$2,345

Motion by Neal Blumenkamp to accept the grant distributions as suggested by the Endowment Committee. Motion accepted.

Outreach: Waiting until March to meet.

Elders: Christy's hours are 30 hrs/week, clarified PTO policy and tracking of hours.

Trustees: Put up blinds behind Praise Team area, Front doors and Side Window panels to the Fellowship Hall entrance were replaced and a patch of concrete was put down temporarily until a new side walk can be done in the spring.

Worship & Music: Re-started in-person worship, attendance running in the 40's. Lenten Services will happen starting with Ash Wednesday. Drive through communion and disposition of ashes will happen 12-1:00 on Ash Wednesday, February 17th in addition to the normal Ash Wednesday Worship.

Stewards: Lenten offerings will be going to the Community Food Bank; discussed parishioner who is matching funds with CAPWN for assistance with electrical bills of the needy. Stories of Faith happening around the world and in the US will be given to Council members to use/share with their committees.

Parish Education: Lynn Margheim and Becky Martin are co-chairs. They are developing the Faith 5 devotional information online to encourage families and members to do more devotions. Confirmation is going well. Hoping to have the kids do the Good Friday service.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$56,897.43 Ending Balance: \$48,332.84 Part of difference due to the last deposit for January was made in February as Grant was out of town. Budget for 2021 will be entered into the software this month.

Pastor's /Staff Reports: Calvary doing well with in-church attendance. Pastors feel so good about being able to preach to live people again! Gearing up for Lent. Christy will be gone on vacation this coming Friday through next Thursday. Angie reported ~ \$750 was collected for the Cat Packs and Pup Packs programs as part of SuperBowl Sunday. JAM started in person last week, no meals right now. Will take a break during Lent. Chime choir will not start until Fall. Will be re-training acolytes and involving them in worship again. Holding off on OWLS, possibly will meet when weather is better and can be outside.

Old Business: Council devotional sign-up passed around again and filled. Security cameras will be purchased and installed – after tax season!

New Business: Endowment disbursements – see Endowment Committee report. Discussion held on a matching grant that the Lakota Lutheran Center is applying for to replace the flooring at the Center. Suggested it be placed on next month's agenda after getting more information from Pastor Will. Annual BBQ – too early to decide. Closer to date more will be known about Covid regulations. Possibly do the same as we did last year; possibly just carry-out. Think about ways it could be re-designed. To be placed on Old Business in the future.

Next Council Meeting: March 8, 2021





Every night in every home



SHARE

highs and lows



READ

a Bible verse or story



TALK

about how the Bible
reading might relate to
your highs and lows



PRAY

for one another's highs
and lows



BLESS

one another

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 and look for the video under 'Faith Formation'.

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

GOD'S WORK – OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

The Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska has a program to help families in need of emergency financial assistance. They assist families with emergency shelter, utility assistance, assistance with rent, and other needs. Let's help support our neighbors by contributing to this important program. For the months of February and March, we are asking Calvary to prayerfully consider providing financial assistance. The need is great at this time due to the financial hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help by making a donation to Calvary Lutheran designated to this cause. Please mark your offering as Emergency Family Support. A member of Calvary has offered to match the congregational giving up to \$500.

"For as you have done it for the least of those my brothers, you have done it for me."
Matthew 25:40

ENDOWMENT FUND AWARDS

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Annual Meeting Update

Calvary's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 31. Forty voting members were in attendance. At the meeting, the following people were elected to the Congregational Council: Vice President: Mary Jo Huelle, Secretary: Kathy Randall, Treasurer: Grant Hinze, Worship & Music: Dennis Gorr, Parish Education Co-Chairs: Lynn Margheim, Becky Martin, Outreach Co-Chair: Dawn Holub. Elected to Nominating Committee were Lynn Margheim and Share Copsey, elected as Synod Assembly Delegates were LaDonna Schmidt & Mary Jo Huelle, and elected to Alternate Delegate is Bill Huelle. A special **THANK YOU** was given to Becky Michael who has served faithfully as Council President for the past year.

EASTER LILIES

You are invited to bring an Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you would like to dedicate your plant *in honor of or in memory of* a loved one, fill out the form located outside the church office and return it to the office so that we can print these remembrances in the Easter bulletins. You may bring your plant between March 28 - April 3 and may take it home after the Easter Sunday services to enjoy at home.



SUNDAY, March 14
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!



We will not be meeting on Wednesday evenings for JaM, but we invite you all to join us at Calvary for the Lenten services on Wednesdays at 6:30pm!

Calling all 4th-8th graders! If you would like to be put on the acolyte schedule for Sunday mornings, please contact Angie at 631-2768 or Christy in the church office.



We will not have any scheduled EPIC events in March!

Calling all youth at Calvary:

Mark your calendars for April 2nd! We are planning to have our youth led Good Friday service in some format. Please let Angie know if you are able to participate in this service. 631-2768

First Communion Class

We will be offering a class on the meaning of Holy Communion during Lent for any child wishing to begin receiving Holy Communion. For those interested, **they will receive their First Communion during our Worship Service on Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m.**

Please note that there is no minimum age at which your child can begin to receive Holy Communion at Calvary—when your child begins to receive Holy Communion is up to you the parent(s). We do, however, encourage you to have your child *(and at least one or both parent(s) or even a grandparent)* attend a First Communion class prior to receiving Holy Communion so that they might have a basic understanding of Holy Communion.

If you are interested in having your child participate in the First Communion class, please contact Pastor Chris or Pastor Sheryl, so that we can make sure to have enough supplies and establish a date and time that is convenient for all. Please contact us by March 10th to give us time to organize a class.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for your generous donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring! We collected \$800 that will be donated to the CatPack/PupPack programs that help feed our children in the community. If you are interested, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers not only won the Super Bowl, but they also won our Souper Bowl of Caring! Sorry Chiefs fans!

Thanks Again,

Angie and the EPIC kids

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! To register visit SullivanHills.org.



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.

Thank you from the Women's Board.



Meeting times & places:



Hannah Study Group—Monday, March 1 @ 7 p.m. at Calvary's Education Wing
 Ruth Study Group—Wednesday, March 3 @ 10:00 a.m. at Calvary's Education Wing
 Priscilla Study Group—Monday, March 8 @ 2 p.m. at Fellowship Hall
 Esther Study Group—Tuesday, March 9 @ 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.



Men's Tuesday AM Bible Study is every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at Calvary's Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. We will continue our study of Acts. New members are always welcome.

OWLs Luncheon

We will not meet for our luncheon in March, but we hope to be able to meet later in the spring as the vaccinations start rolling out!



Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

Prayers for healing: **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Ron Wegelin** (health issues), **Shirlie Schuldies** (health issues—mainly her heart), **Caleb Payne** (health issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Laynette Van Anne** (brain tumor—friend of Dee Brady), **LaDonna Schmidt** (colon cancer), **Bill Steele** (Recovering from COVID-19), **Beth Janecek** (Radiation), **Rich** (COVID-19 recovery—brother of Barb Gorr), **Cathy Rahrs** (rehab @ home), **Nancy & Tracy Steele** (COVID-19 health issues), **Harlan Meyer** (Lonnie Miller's uncle), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **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 of comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Gary Eskam**, and for the family and friends of **Bonnie** (cousin of Jack & Susan Martin)

Prayers of thanksgiving: For the healthy birth of **Sawyer Lea Samuelson** (parents—Chris and Brooke Samuelson, grandparents—Neal and Lora Blumenkamp).

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—steelelynn@gmail.com or phone her at **632-7558**.



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 Blumenkamp	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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4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.



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:
SAUCES

This month's Backpack Program item:
FRUIT CUPS

APRIL will be:
PANCAKE MIX
MAC N CHEESE BOWLS

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, during the week you may notify Christy in the church office, let us know by filling out the online Attendance and Prayer Request card under the worship tab on our website or on Sunday morning, inform one of the ushers of your prayer request and they will make a list and give those to the pastor before worship begins.

Please save your
Main Street Market
(Panhandle Coop)
receipts for the
backpack program.
**\$100,000 in receipts
= \$1,000 for the
program!**



Milk	2.50
Eggs	3.25
Muffins	4.50
Lettuce	1.50
Total	11.75
Thank you for shopping!	



Hymnal Available to Borrow

Do you miss being able to follow along with the music when we sing a hymn or song during worship? Hymnals are

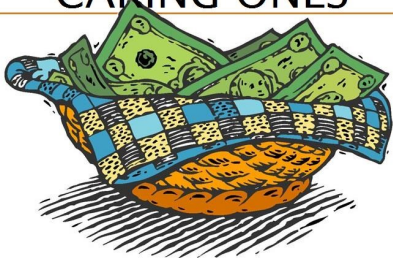
available to borrow for those who wish one. We only ask, per Governor Ricketts health directives if worshipping with us in person, that you bring it with you to worship and take it home with you after, rather than leaving it in the pew. Want to borrow a hymnal talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or one of the ushers.



REMEMBER D.O.V.E.S when traveling please bring back any 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.

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





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



Calvary's Church Office Phone number: (308) 632-8023 or 632-8024

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Deadline for weekly announcements is Wed. at 5 PM. Deadline for monthly Tidings Newsletter is the 20th of each calendar month. Please send your items to Christy in the church office.

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

WEBSITE

www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org




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

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

March 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm-Hannah Circle @ Calvary Education Wing	2 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	3 10am-Ruth Circle 11:30am-Exec Com 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	4	5	6 5:30pm-Worship
7 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion	8 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall 6pm-Council	9 8:30am-Men's Study 9am-Esther Circle 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	10 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	11	12	13 5:30pm-Worship
14 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion	15 5pm-Elders 6pm-Worship 6pm-Stewards	16 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	17 5:30pm-Social Ministry 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 9:00am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  Spring Forward 1 hr.						
21 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion	22 5pm-Parish Ed	23 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	24 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	25	26	27 5:30pm-Worship
28 PALM SUNDAY 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion	29	30 8:30am-Men's Study 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	31			

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - MARCH 2021

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD
March 7 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Angie Hinze	Barb Jensen	Mary Jo Huelle	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
March 14 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Susan Martin	Dennis Gorr	Shawna Payne	Jeff Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
March 21 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Jack Martin	Kathy Randall	Bill Huelle	Andi Dorn	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele
March 28 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Marti Wegelin	Dennis Gorr	Matt Payne	Jeff Van Patten	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler



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





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God's work. Our hands.

It was one
of those
March
days when the sun shines hot
and the
wind blows cold:
when it is summer in the
and winter in the *light,*
shade.

~Charles Dickens