



CALVARY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH ELCA

# 2022



## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

**MARCH 1 — MARCH 29**

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

**Lenten Worship Service: 6:30 p.m.**

**Choir Practice: 7:00 p.m.**



"Healing Mercy" is the theme for our Wednesday evening Lenten services this year. Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus willing to reach out and heal those who are hurting and desperate. This series will give us an opportunity to reflect on the stories of Jesus and his power to heal. What in us is hurting and in need of healing this season? Whether it is in body, mind, relationships, or our faith -- we all carry wounds. Join us at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings starting February 22, Ash Wednesday. Come in faith, as together we trust that Jesus desires to extend "Healing Mercy" to us all.

## Holy Week Schedule



**April 2nd - Palm Sunday Service @ 10:00 a.m.**

**April 6th - Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 p.m.**

**April 7th - Good Friday Service with Youth @ 7:30 p.m.**

**April 8th - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service @ 5:30 p.m.**

**April 9th - 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**

*“For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven: ”  
- Ecclesiastes 3:1*



I remember as the first snow started in the fall, someone said to me, “it snows here, but it melts right away and doesn’t last long.” Well, this winter has been one for the ages! Every time I turn around there is more snow, plunging temperatures, and that wind — glad there are plenty of cozy places to hunker down and stay warm!

Another season is changing in our lives together. I accepted a position as Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Peace Church in Eagan, MN. It is a church in the Reformed Church in America (my home denomination) and is a long-term called position. I signed the contract to serve as Transitional Minister at Calvary Lutheran, knowing full-well that this was a short-term call for me. Our family needed a transitional season after leaving a very painful church experience, and so we took the call to come out to Scottsbluff, NE.

Did you know that when I started as your Transitional Minister on September 1, I wasn’t sure I wanted to be a pastor anymore? Did you know that I wasn’t sure if I could trust church leaders again? Did you know that I was holding back tears as I lead worship those first few Sundays, speaking gospel “good news” words that I needed to hear as much as anybody? For me, this season of ministry wasn’t a stepping stone to something bigger and better — it was a life raft. That may seem extreme, but it is true.

I was a man on the side of the road, beaten and robbed. You picked me up. You put me in the front of your own sanctuary, bandaged my wounds, and cared for me. You were the Good Samaritan to me, and for your encouragement and love, I am forever grateful.

If I was an older man, I wouldn’t be in any hurry to leave Scottsbluff and Calvary Lutheran Church. The truth is that moving at this time is primarily about our kids. We want to move this spring so that our kids can get into a school before the summer starts, make some friends, and begin to get connected, so that they can have the summer to further strengthen those connections before Gabe starts Middle School and Trygve and Elias start 4th and 3rd grade. We have bought a house in Apple Valley, MN, and we would love to hear from you or have you come visit if you are in the area.

Calvary Lutheran is a wonderful church. You folks care for one another well, you serve, you give, and you care for the larger community. I look forward for our family to take road-trips “out west” and stop in to visit.

Ultimately, Church is not about any one pastor or church leader — it is about the one person Jesus Christ. Keep following Him, listening to Him, seeking Him.

With gratitude and friendship,  
Pastor Brett Vander Berg

# COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

February 13, 2023

Dwelling in the Word by Pastor Brett.

Acceptance of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda as presented by Bill Huelle. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Brown. Motion carried. Acceptance of Minutes from the January 9, 2023, meeting: Motion made to accept minutes as presented by Grant Hinze. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Huelle. Motion carried.

## **Board/Committee Reports:**

**Parish Education:** Confirmation and the Souper Bowl of Caring last Sunday. Owls enjoyed the Valentine Theme. Kids will sponsor the Ash Wednesday meal.

**Social Ministry:** The Lenten meal donations will be given for Ukraine Relief. The Habitat for Humanity house at 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue is nearing completion.

**Worship and Music:** Confirmation Sunday and Ash Wednesday plans. Decided to reinstate passing the offering plates. Have decided on tokens for Ash Wednesday. Each Council member received one.

**Endowment Committee:** Requests have been received. Committee will meet next week to decide disbursements. Funds available are around \$17,000.

**Nominating Committee:** Shari Copsey reported all positions are full.

**Financial Report:** Caring Ones line item will be split by thirds to the backpack program, Lakota Center, and World Hunger. Motion was made to accept the financial report as presented by Becky Martin. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Dorn. Motion carried.

**Pastor/Staff reports:** Angie Hinze: Confirmation service and soup lunch went well. The Superbowl fundraiser totaled \$1,800 with Riverstone bank matching the amount collected. Pastor Brett: Had 1<sup>st</sup> communion class, new members class, confirmation, reviewed the church video that has been posted on the website and Facebook, held counseling sessions as needed.

## **Old Business:**

Need to think about what to do with annual BBQ or other ideas. Outreach will talk about this at their next meeting and bring ideas to the next Council meeting. Installation of Jan Van Newkirk to the Call Committee will occur at their first meeting. MSP draft is a work in progress. The Synod responded this afternoon with suggested changes. Motion was made by Grant Hinze to allow Mary Jo Huelle to make appropriate changes based on working with the Synod advice. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky Martin. Motion carried. Pastor Brett: Report to Heidi, assistant to the Bishop, that Calvary could support a first call pastor or an experienced pastor. There is a possibility someone may be camping out under the pine trees behind the church. Bill Huelle agreed and has called the police who will watch the area. Pastor Brett read his resignation letter effective March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** February 26<sup>th</sup> will be new member welcome with the church video being shown during the service. March 12<sup>th</sup> will Pastor Brett's last Sunday. Host a farewell carry in dinner after church. Marlene Downer and the women will organize the fellowship hall and dinner settings.

**Next Meeting:** March 13, 2023

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



## SO LONG, FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHEN, GOOD BYE

It is with great reluctance that we must say good bye to our transitional minister Pastor Brett Vander Berg and his family. How blessed we are to have had them with us these past six months! He has been extended a call to a Reformed Church of America in suburban Minneapolis, and his last official day with us will be Wednesday, March 15.

Please join us for church services on Sunday, March 12, which will include an official farewell for Pastor Brett and for the carry-in dinner to follow. Bring your favorite menu item to share. Table service and drinks will be provided by Calvary and organized by our own women of the ELCA. There will be a basket for cards, and some gifts from the church will be presented.

We know that there will be laughter and jokes and best wishes, but in anticipation of some sadness and possible tears, you might tuck a tissue in your pocket.

### OWLs Luncheon Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 12 p.m.

Plan to join us for a lovely meal of chili and cinnamon rolls (a Nebraska favorite) and a chat with Pastor Brett. He will be sharing his views on the Reformed Church of America and the Lutheran church as well as his plans as he and his family move to Minnesota!



### *CLCW March Mission Project*

Our Mission Project for March is the **LAKOTA CENTER FOOD DRIVE**. Cash donations will be used to help supplement the food ministry at the Lakota Center. Meals are an important part of community at the Center and extend to a large number of people. Donations may be placed in the tan “*Designated Giving*” envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



### Meeting Times & Places:

Hannah Study Group—Monday, Feb. 6 @ 7 p.m. at Chris Thomas' Home  
Priscilla Study Group—Monday, Feb. 13 @ 2 p.m. at Vicki Schmidt's Home

### SARAH STUDY GROUP

Each Tuesday at noon a group of women meet at the church to study scripture together. Please consider joining us for a study and some great conversations.

**All ladies are invited to join any of these groups.**





Because of the Lenten services on Wednesday evenings from March 1 to March 29, we will not be having our regular JAM activities. I encourage all of our JAM kids and families to come to Calvary from 5:30-6:30pm for dinner and stay for worship from 6:30-7pm.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> EPIC/JAM will be serving the Lenten dinner! We will need help in the kitchen and providing the meal. We will serve a baked potato bar!



**Calling all youth at Calvary:**

Mark your calendars for April 7<sup>th</sup>! It is Good Friday, and the youth will be leading the service that evening. We will continue the long standing tradition!



On behalf of the JAM and EPIC kids, I would like to thank you all for your very generous donations to our Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser. We collected \$1800 and will donate this money to our local CatPack and PupPack programs that feed so many of our youth in the community. Riverstone Bank will match our funds, so that translates to \$3600 from all of us here at Calvary! It is amazing how when we come together, we can make a difference. By the way, The Philadelphia Eagles raised about \$100 more than the Kansas City Chiefs, but in truth the youth in our community are the real winners!

In Christ,  
Angie



**SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP**

**Every Session of Camp is**

**FREE this summer!!!**

Yep, you read that right.

Campers can come to **Sullivan Hills Camp** (our Lutheran Bible Camp just 10 miles from Lodgepole, NE) for **FREE** in 2023!

Incredibly generous donors have subsidized the entire cost of camp to make sure every child can have a fun and faith-filled week at camp.

Please note that a \$50 deposit is required to register, but it will be returned after your camper attends camp. Registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up soon to reserve a spot!

To register your child for Summer Camp or for more information go to [www.sullivanhills.org](http://www.sullivanhills.org)

## ✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

**Prayers for healing:** Susan Martin (recovering from a fall), Linda Spomer (healing/pain from broken back), Lee Saip (recovering due to an infection—Wes & Elnora’s son-in-law), Perry Crom (health issues-nephew of Shirlye Schuldies), Willard Rusch (recovering from a fall—Becca Pierce’s father), Neal Blomenkamp (recovering from heart surgery), Kaitlyn Carr (shoulder surgery—Dee Brady’s daughter), Catherine Rahrs (blood clots—Val Rahrs’ mother), Joy Arnold (cancer— friend of Deb Brown), Paul Bueide (recovering), Patty (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

*Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of Kevin Feil (Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero’s father).*

*Prayers for comfort and safety: Jeffery Christeleit (deployed— Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).*



**SUNDAY, March 12  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME BEGINS!**



## March

Carol Bosshardt	3/2	Andrea Miller	3/15
Brad Johnston	3/3	Kenneth Shriver	3/15
Craig Bartel	3/5	Brooke Samuelson	3/17
Ella Foote	3/5	Maeve Singer	3/19
Jennifer Schafer	3/6	Mike Belgum	3/19
Elizabeth Buckley	3/6	Roy Howell	3/19
Melissa Guerrero	3/7	Brian Christeleit	3/20
Joe Lentz	3/7	Larry Spomer	3/23
Caleb Payne	3/8	Derek Smith	3/23
Neal Blomenkamp	3/11	Randy Schafer	3/24
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:

SAUCES

### This month's Backpack Program item:

FRUIT CUPS

### APRIL will be:

PANCAKE MIX  
MAC N CHEESE BOWLS

If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, please contact 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!

Pastor Brett

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Send physical mail/offerings to: 17 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361.  
Pastor Brett Vander Berg  
Youth & Family Ministry Dir. Angie Hinze:



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

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**WEBSITE**

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

# March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12pm-OWLS Lunch 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7:30pm-Choir Practice	2	3	4 5:30pm-Worship
5 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	6 7pm-Hannah Circle @ Chris Thomas'	7 12pm-Sarah Study 1pm-Quilting	8 5:15pm-Outreach 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	9 11:30am-exec meeting	10	11 5:30pm-Worship
12 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b> <i>Spring Forward 1 hr.</i>	13 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Weki Schmidt's 6pm-Council	14 12pm-Sarah Study 1pm-Quilting	15 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	16	17 	18 9:00am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship
19 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	20 5pm-Elders 6pm-Worship 6pm-Stewards <i>Newsletter DEADLINE</i>	21 12pm-Sarah Study 1pm-Quilting	22 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	23	24	25 5:30pm-Worship
26 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	27 5pm-Panish Ed	28 12pm-Sarah Study 1pm-Quilting	29 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	30	31	

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - MARCH 2023

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO	ALTAR GUILD
March 5 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Vicki Howell	Mary Jo Huelle	Shari Copsey (Head) Tracy Steele Chris Thomas	Andi Dorn Ayden Tompkins DaKota Newsom	Chris Jensen Jim Dorn	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
March 12 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Angie Hinze	Barb Jensen (Head) Rick Margheim Lynn Margheim	Matt Payne Ben Moravec Merrick Walsh	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jack Martin	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
March 19 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Marti Wegelin	Bill Huelle (Head) Abby Newsom Marissa Wright	Angela Bonow Max Judy Rhyann Buckley	Jeff Van Patten Trea Hess	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
March 26 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Marissa Wright	Vicki Howell (Head) Deb Brown Marlene Downer	Shawna Payne Brynlee Payne Jacey Cochran	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jack Martin	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey

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



## LENTEN WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE 2023

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO
March 1	6:30 p.m.	JAM & EPIC Kids	Marti Wegelin		Jack Martin Jacey Cochran	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten ?
March 8	6:30 p.m.	JAM & EPIC Kids	Marissa Wright		Shawna Payne Brynlee Payne	Chris Jensen ?
March 15	6:30 p.m.	JAM & EPIC Kids	Chris Jensen		Mary Jo Huelle Max Judy	Jeff Van Patten ?
March 22	6:30 p.m.	JAM & EPIC Kids	Jack Martin		Angela Bonow Ayden Tompkins	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten ?
March 29	6:30 p.m.	JAM & EPIC Kids	Vicki Howell		Matt Payne DaKota Newsom	Jeff Van Patten ?
April 6	6:30 p.m.	JAM & EPIC Kids	Mary Jo Huelle	Barb Jensen Rick & Lynn Margheim	Andi Dorn Merrick Walsh	Chris Jensen ?
Maundy Thursday						

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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