



CALVARY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH ELCA

# 2024



## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

February 21 — March 20

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

Lenten Worship Service: 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice: 7:00 p.m.



The Five Solas are the theme for our Wednesday evening Lenten services this year. These are five central truths that came out of the Reformation – 1 Scripture Alone, 2 Christ Alone, 3 Faith Alone, 4 Grace Alone and 5 Glory of God Alone. Join us at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings.

## Holy Week Schedule



March 24th - Palm Sunday Service @ 10:00 a.m.

March 28th - Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 p.m.

March 29th - Good Friday Service with Youth @ 7:00 p.m.

March 31st - Easter Breakfast @ 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt following worship service

*Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!*



All Services will be in-person and broadcast LIVE on our  
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Tis the season of Lent. And this will be a very busy month!

I want to invite you all to attend the Panhandle Cluster Assembly being held here at Calvary on Saturday, March 2 starting at 10am. We will be gathering with people from other churches in the panhandle for worship and conversation. Our preacher and Assembly speaker will be Gretchen Ahrens, Director for Youth & Justice Ministries from the Synod office. Lunch will be served and we will be done by 1:00 pm or so.

I will be holding a First Communion Class on Saturday, March 9 from 9:30-11:30 am. If you have a child that would like to be a part of this, please let Christy know so we know how many to prepare for. First Communion will take place on Easter Sunday morning.

Holy Week will begin with Palm Sunday on March 24. We will NOT have worship on Wednesday, March 27 or on Saturday, March 30. There will be worship on Maundy Thursday, March 28 and Good Friday, March 29. And of course, Easter will be on Sunday, March 31!

If you attended midweek worship in February, you noticed we changed the way we give of our offerings. Individuals are invited to bring their offering forward to the altar. Even on Sunday we no longer take the offering to the back shelf but give it a place of prominence on the altar. It has always been the practice of the church that the worship service includes a time to gather offerings. We must retain this part of the liturgy as an act of discipleship and for the sake of faith.

So, don't give your money to the church. Make your offering to God. Our offerings are not about our finances, nor are they about the costs of running a church, paying a pastor, or the size of a tax break. Offering is an act of worship, acknowledging that God gives us all that we have, and practicing the spiritual gift of gratitude. The liturgical ritual of gathering the offering during worship service fosters that spiritual gift. It is a necessary rite for disciples gathered in worship. It is good and right to do so.

Blessings on your month!  
Pastor Kathy

# Go, And . . . .

As we continue to Go, And . . . March - - - - Be Intentional.

Jesus is on the road to the cross and is prepared for what is to come. Too often during Lent, we find ourselves busy marching down the road with a long “to-do” list. The season of Lent calls to be intentional. This means showing up, being present, and diving in deep as disciples.

Questions to consider:

What is a Lenten or Easter tradition in your family?

How can you be intentional in your preparation for Holy Week and Easter?

How can you get unstuck and Go forward with intention as a follower of Jesus?

Prayer: The Lord’s Prayer (Use the version of your heart)



## GO AND...

**PRAY**

**LISTEN**

**SHARE YOUR STORY**

**SERVE WITH NEIGHBORS**

**ASK**

**BE HONEST**

**BE PRESENT**

**REST**

**HAVE THE CONVERSATION**

**BE INTENTIONAL**

**TELL THE STORY**

**BE CHURCH**

# COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

February 13, 2023

Acceptance of Agenda – Neal Blomenkamp moved to accept; Bill Huelle 2<sup>nd</sup> - accepted. Acceptance of minutes from January 8, 2023: Neal Blomenkamp moved to accept; Grant Hinze 2<sup>nd</sup> – accepted.

## **Board/Committee Reports:**

**Outreach:** Discussion was had about the situation where Becca is unable to attend the Council meetings, but Jeff Van Patten is willing to be the liaison for the committee at the Council meetings. Drive Thru ashes for Ash Wednesday was announced. They discussed trying a “grab and go” lunch on the last Thursday of each month between 12:15-1. We need to find out what other groups/churches offer for free lunches to make sure we are doing it on a day that is best for all. They discussed having a BBQ along with a rummage sale sometime this summer.

**Elders:** They did discuss via email the Deacons situation. We are currently serving 5 people.

**Parish Education:** We got all programming going and now we are going to pause during Lent. The Souper Bowl of caring was well attended. \$1,000 was collected at the event with monies going to the Laundry of Love. We will have 4 confirmands to be confirmed on 5/19/24. The church will have High School graduates recognized at the 5/5/24 church service. Maunette and Val have been working on getting a young adult’s group together. The kickoff for the group will be on 3/17/24. It will be held here at the church. They are having a game day and possibly having pizza or something.

**Worship and Music:** They met and discussed arrangements for Lent and Easter. They also discussed the Saturday night service and have made a check off list for people to use when they help with services. On Tuesday 3/5/24 Calvary is hosting a Lenten Meal at noon. The Praise team will sing during the communion song at church services and the congregation can join in if they’d like. The power point will be paused so that the person running it can come down for communion.

**Social Ministry:** They are preparing for the Lenten meal that they are serving. That money will be sent to the ELCA disaster relief fund and specifically given to Ukraine and Gaza.

**Financial Report:** Beginning Balance for January: \$32,042- Ending Balance: \$38,138

**Pastor’s/Staff Reports:** Angie Hinze-The OWLS last Wednesday had 25 in attendance. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The youth will be serving a Lenten Meal on 3/20/24. They are planning the Good Friday service. Pastor Kathy-She thanked the Council for their continued support. She ordered some business cards and passed some out. Then she had a reimbursement sheet for January that she submitted.

**Old Business:** Reminder to get money to the church office for the Council dinner (\$26.49/plate). Deacon’s follow up-Pastor Kathy would like to have a meeting with the Deacons to make sure that what we are doing is correct as defined in the constitution.

**New Business:** Endowment Committee-Bill Huelle is gathering the information and will be getting a meeting together after church service on 2/18/24. Lenten Meals were discussed, making sure we have all dates covered. Planning Council duties-Shari Copsey shared the expectations and duties of the Planning Council. We need to change the constitution to read-“Congregational Planning Council. Review Mission/Vision Statement-Our goal is to get more members involved in our church. Our Vision statement is on the front of our bulletins. We also have guiding principles. Delegates for the Panhandle Cluster Spring Assembly at Calvary were discussed. Outreach board member Jeff Van Patten was approved. The motion for approval was made by Bill Huelle and seconded by Grant Hinze-approved. The duties for the Ushers and training the ushers were updated. We need to provide intentional training for all that are scheduled to serve during the worship services.

**Next Meeting:** March 13, 2023

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





Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions-grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ. "...you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Each month you will see in the tidings, a principle or two regarding stewardship. The Board of Stewards would like for you to think about your stewardship and how you can grow in being a good steward.

One of the first principles is this: Respond Gratefully to what God has first given us. All that we do is a response to Gods' grace. Everything we are, have, and use comes from God. Best of all, God gives the gift of Jesus Christ and the community of believers. It all begins with God. Our confession of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is not of our doing. Grateful stewards put God first.

"...but they gave themselves first to the Lord." 2 Corinthians 8:5

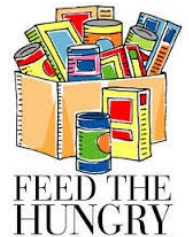
## OWLs Luncheon Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12 p.m.

Join us for a wonderful meal of chicken and noodles made by our very own Andi Dorn! We will have devotions, fellowship, and a Lenten activity.



## 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, March 4 @ 7 p.m. at Diane Vandenberg's  
Priscilla Study Group—Monday, March 11 @ 2 p.m. at Vicki Schmidt's

#### Sarah Circle

The ladies will meet March 19th @ noon at Calvary  
Come join the ladies every 3rd Tuesday at Noon for Bible Study.  
Bring your lunch and join us!



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





**March 6<sup>th</sup>:** New Orleans Youth Gathering participants will be serving the Lenten dinner! We will serve mini Runzas, hot dogs and desserts! We will need lots of help, so watch for the sign up for desserts and plan to help serve and clean up!

**March 20<sup>th</sup>:** JAM and EPIC will be serving the Lenten dinner! We will serve taco salad and deserts! We will need lots of help, so watch for the sign up for food items and plan to help serve and clean up!

**Calling all youth at Calvary:**

Mark your calendars for March 29th! It is Good Friday! We need all of our youth in JAM and EPIC to participate in this very meaningful service! We will practice on Palm Sunday right after worship and then meet on Friday, March 29 at 5:30pm for practice and dinner. The service will begin at 7:00pm.



On behalf of JAM, EPIC, and Parish Education, I would like to thank everyone for supporting our Souper Bowl of Caring luncheon on February 11. Thank you to all who provided soups and desserts. Thank you to the Blomenkamps and Runza for providing the bowls. Thank you to all who stayed for food and fellowship after church. Thank you to all who donated to our Laundry Love fundraiser. In the end, The Kansas City Chiefs raised \$620.25 and the San Francisco 49ers raised \$292.25, but we are all winners in this game as we can help lots of people in need with these donations. A special thank you to Val Rahrs for coordinating everything on February 11th!

Sincerely,  
Angie Hinze



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**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 2024!

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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: **Jack Martin** (gallbladder surgery), **Sherrill Miller** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family) **Butch Feil** (recovering from surgery—Guerrero family), **Leah Nikont** (recovering from surgery), **Mary Jo Huelle** (recovering from surgery), **Drew Selck** (Cancer), **LuVerne Knoedler** (recovering from surgery), **Ruth Harris** (recovery from a fall), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer— Larry Gibbs’ brother), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends **Tamara Taylor** (Fran Johnson & Barb Tallmon’s niece).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Zeke Chilcott** (deployed—friend of Marissa Wright), **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed— Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).



**SUNDAY, March 10**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**  
**TIME BEGINS!**



## March



Carol Bosshardt	3/2	Crystal Newton	3/15
Brad Johnston	3/3	Andrea Miller	3/15
Craig Bartel	3/5	Kenneth Shriver	3/15
Ella Foote	3/5	Brooke Samuelson	3/17
Jennifer Schafer	3/6	Maeve Singer	3/19
Elizabeth Buckley	3/6	Mike Belgum	3/19
Melissa Guerrero	3/7	Roy Howell	3/19
Joe Lentz	3/7	Brian Christeleit	3/20
Neal Blomenkamp	3/11	Derek Smith	3/23
Marv Braaten	3/12	Randy Schafer	3/24
Michael Schuler	3/14	Eric Dorn	3/27
Syl Holdt	3/14	Carmen Kleager	3/27

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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 Bill Huelle (631-3389).

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 Kathy

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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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# March

# 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10am-Cluster Assembly 5:30pm-Worship
3 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	4 7pm-Hannah Circle @ Diane Vandenberg's	5 12pm-Lenten Meal @ Calvary	6 5:15pm-Outreach 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	7 11:30am-Exec Comm	8	9 9:30am-1st Communion Class 5:30pm-Worship
10 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b> <i>Spring Forward 1 hr.</i>	11 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Vicki Schmidt's 6pm-Council	12 1pm-Quilting	13 12pm-OWLS Lunch 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	14	15	16 9:00am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship 
17 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	18 5pm-Elders 6pm-Worship & Music	19 12pm-Sarah Circle 1pm-Quilting	20 5:30pm-Lenten Meal 6:30pm-Lenten Worship 7pm-Choir Practice	21 	22	23 5:30pm-Worship
24 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship 11:30am-EPIC/JAM Lunch followed by Good Friday rehearsals	25 5pm-Panish Ed 6pm-Stewards	26 1pm-Quilting	27	28 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 6pm-Choir Practice 7pm-Worship 	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 5:30pm - Rehearsal 7pm-Worship: "Watch the Lamb"	30 <b>NO</b> Worship Service
31 9am-9:45am-Easter Breakfast 10am-Worship Easter Egg Hunt following worship 						<b>Alleluia!</b> Christ is risen!

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - MARCH 2024

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO	ALTAR GUILD
March 3 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Angie Hinze	Vicki Howell (Head) Deb Brown Marlene Downer	Andi Dorn Jack Judy Max Judy	Jeff Van Patten Jim Dorn	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler Allisha Weitzel
March 10 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Marti Wegelin	Barb Jensen (Head) Rick Margheim Lynn Margheim	Mary Jo Huelle DaKota Newsum Merrick Walsh	Chris Jensen Jack Martin	Abby Newsum Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
March 17 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Chris Jensen	Jack Martin(Head) Abby Newsum Marissa Wright	Andi Dorn Ben Moravec Rhyann Buckley	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jim Dorn	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Sharri Copsey
March 24 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Vicki Howell	Mary Jo Huelle	Bill Huelle (Head)	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Brody Weitzel Matta Weitzel	Jeff Van Patten Jack Martin	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler Allisha Weitzel
March 31 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Marissa Wright	Shari Copsey (Head) Tracy Steele Chris Thomas	Andi Dorn Kippen Cochran Jacey Cochran	Chris Jensen Jim Dorn	Abby Newsum Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh

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



## LENTEN WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE 2024

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO
February 14 Ash Wednesday	6:30 p.m.		Angie Hinze	Barb Jensen	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Ayden Tompkins	Jeff Van Patten Jim Dorn
February 21	6:30 p.m.		Mari Wegelin		Dakota Newsom	?
February 28	6:30 p.m.		Chris Jensen		Merrick Walsh	?
March 6	6:30 p.m.		Bill Huelle		Cochran's	?
March 13	6:30 p.m.		Marissa Wright		Judy's	?
March 20	6:30 p.m.		Shari Copsey		Rhyan Buckley	?
March 28 Maundy Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Mary Jo Huelle	Vicki Howell Deb Brown Marlene Downer	Andi Dorn Weitzels	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jack Martin

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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