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Tidings 2020



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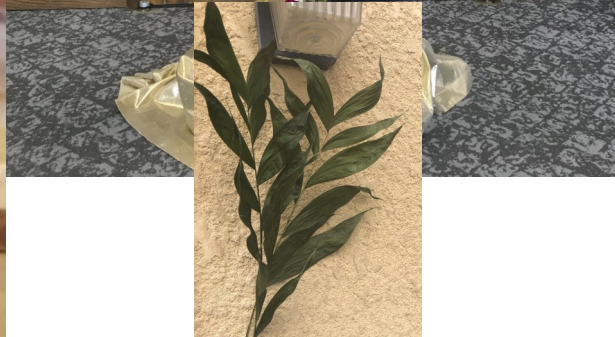
Scenes from



HOLY



WEEK



With Governor Ricketts announcement of easing coronavirus restrictions please watch for an email, on our Facebook page or our website for further details of when and how we will resume in person worship services.



Greetings where ever you are hunkered down! Supposedly this is the earliest spring since 1896. The vernal equinox happened on March 19th this year instead of the usual 20th or 21st. As I write this article, the forecast is for 2-4 inches of snow tonight with another 1-3 tomorrow. This week the temperature has not made it above 50, and so I sit in my office, waiting not only to venture out into public spaces. (oh we've made forays to grocery stores and the like, tried to support local restaurants getting take out and staying busy in the office yearning for warmer temperatures to get outside and do something!

So, we wait. Waiting for days to warm and pronouncements from experts that we can shed some of the restrictions the pandemic has forced upon us. Interesting immediately after the resurrection, the disciples were told to wait. So over the next forty days Jesus appeared to them, telling about the kingdom and preparing them for what lay ahead.

In our waiting for things to change, the question comes to us, "How has Jesus appeared to you? How have you seen Jesus in the midst of keeping your distance from loved ones, neighbors and strangers alike? I know one of the blessings we have witnessed, and we have already spoken of, is the number of people dropping off their offerings and pledges. We cannot express how humbling it is that people are making an effort to mail, drop by the office, start an online deduction or through some other means contribute to the financial needs of the Church. Thank you.

I know we are seeing God at work in the hands of several in the sewing of masks for the hospital and at this writing I believe there are nearly 500 done. The rest should be done when more elastic arrives. But more than this how do you see Jesus preparing you for life on the other side of the pandemic? We may have a ways to go some predictions speak of 2021. That will be a long time and I for one have lifted up prayer that keeping safe the time frame will be shorter.

So let us wait—wait for warmer weather to get out, out into our gardens and other outdoor activities and let us wait, opening ourselves to Jesus and the Spirit to clothe us for 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

April 13, 2020

Board/Committee Reports:

Outreach – Did not meet in April, tentatively meeting on May 27th. Car window decals arrived this week. Pricing and project it will support will be decided at next meeting.

Elders – Christy is doing really well. Talked about reaching out to congregation during quarantine. Discussion of adding some financial duties for Christy to assist the Treasurer. Grant will put into writing what he does each month, then formalize what will be Christy's duties, with training happening after the Covid-19 quarantine is finished.

Trustees - The north Narthex bathroom is being worked on by Bill Huelle; Bill has also set up TV for those at the front of the church can see what is on the screen. Technology has been worked on, and worked on and worked on – see Worship report. Hired a person to mow the lawn for \$30/week, including trimming.

Worship & Music - The committee realized what was coming and decided to broadcast services, and make it perpetual. This is another way to reach out to the community. Numbers of people watching are up much higher than regular attendance. Nebraska Link worked very well with us. Routers were changed. Has taken some work to get sound and picture quality both working. Christy and her significant other, Wayne, have been greatly helpful. Right now still researching different cameras. Also need a new computer to work with this equipment. Funding is in place up to ~\$3K

Parish Education – There isn't much we can do for now. Treat bags were taken around to JAM kids on Good Friday. She plans the same for EPIC kids in the future. Thank you to Austin Martin, Sydney Hinze and Trea Hess for their participation in the Good Friday and Easter services

Financial Report: Grant Hinze gave quick summary of February and March. Numbers below are March numbers. TV purchased for \$512 in March will come out of Memorial Funds. Thankful for all the members who are still continuing to give.

Beginning Balance: \$1,373.19

Ending Balance: \$4,204.47

Pastor's /Staff Reports:

They survived Holy Week! The Covid-19 changes have seemed strange. Going online has been very bizarre and stressful. The technology aspect of things has been very challenging. Good attendance online for Wednesday nights and regular Sunday services.

Randomly calling individuals to catch up and check in with people, especially when changes in their lives are happening. Thinking about trying to do a Zoom coffee hour to touch base with anyone who can log on.

Old Business:

See office manager update above.

Covid-19 discussion for services. Felt we should be on the same page with CDC guidelines. We should at least go as long as school is out. Possibly May 24th. At the next meeting we may have more information.

New Business:

Dennis Gorr suggested a BBQ-less BBQ and let people donate the money they would have normally given.. Mary Jo Huelle moved that for 2020, we not have a physical BBQ but instead have a BBQ-less BBQ. 2nd by Neal Blomenkamp. Motion accepted. As usual, need to know what we are raising money for. Neal Blomenkamp moved to have proceeds from the BBQ 50% go to the church, to go into the Contingency Fund and 50% to Lakota Lutheran Center. 2nd by LaDonna Schmidt. Motion accepted. Insurance questions addressed last month are moved to the May meeting.

Next Council Meeting: May 11, 2020

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





Sydney Hinze



Jensen Bedlan



Ashland Todd



Hunter Walker



Brock Nikont



Rayce Walsh

CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP is established with the intent to promote Christian education at a Protestant college. We would like to remind those interested in attending a Protestant college next fall to stop by the church office and pick up an application form. **Applications MUST be in by June 1st.**



The criteria for receiving a scholarship is as follows:

1. Attends Calvary Lutheran Church regularly and has had past record of two years attendance in Sunday school and/or church worship.
2. Is a voting member as defined in the Calvary Lutheran Church Constitution, C8.02C.
3. Will be a full time student as defined by the college you are attending.
4. Have not received scholarships from Calvary for more than eight college semesters (limit 3). Request for scholarships exceeding the eight college semesters will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Will not be meeting in May.
Look forward to seeing you
all in September!

SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP 2020 - FREE!!!

Pick up a brochure outside the church office.
Camps are available June and July for all age groups.

**To register pick up a brochure or visit
SullivanHills.org.**



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!



Attention!!!! Calvary's 21st Annual BBQ will be BBQ-less!

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Church Council at its April meeting voted to make this year's event a BBQ-less BBQ. Watch your mail for an invitation to make a donation to our BBQ-less BBQ; the proceeds of which will be split 50/50 between the Lakota Lutheran Center and Calvary's Contingency Fund (fyi: the Contingency fund helps the church to cover unexpected expenses not covered by the budget or the cost of our insurance deductible should we need to file a claim). We will miss the fellowship and comradery of this year's BBQ but feel not holding the BBQ this year makes the most sense.

Virtual Fellowship Opportunities

Do you miss being able to get together with your friends and fellow members of Calvary?

Then join us on Zoom for either a Zoom Coffee Hour (Wednesdays from 2 to 2:30 p.m.) or a Zoom Happy Hour (6:30 to 7 p.m.)-you're choice! If you are interested, look for one of two emails from the church (if we have your email address) that says either Zoom Coffee Hour or Zoom Happy Hour and use the link provided in the email to join us. If you have never done Zoom before you may need to download some software or an app (depending on whether you are logging in on a computer or device). If we don't have your email address, you will need to contact the church office so that we can send you an invitation to join us. AND, if you need any help getting onto Zoom, please call Pastor Chris at 402/694-9182 and he would love to help you!



650 masks and counting!!!



Following a please from the Panhandle Public Health district for volunteer sewers to help make masks for our area medical personnel, Calvary's Quilting Group took on the challenge of making 1000 cloth masks for Regional West Medical Center. At this time, our quilters and several other volunteers have made over 650 masks. Once they have met their goal of 1000 masks for RWMC, they

will be making masks for anyone in the congregation who might want one. If you are interested in helping make masks or would like a mask once they are available please call or email the church office. Thank you to everyone that have helped make masks, donated elastic or made cash donations.



Worship With Us Live and Online

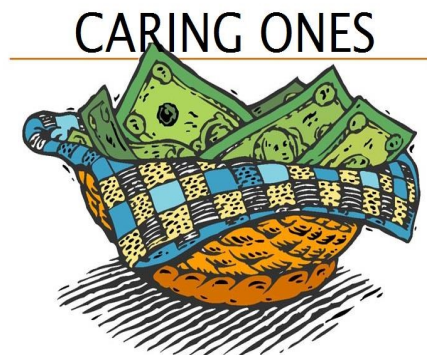
To worship with us live and online, simply log on to Facebook and go to our Facebook page: *Calvary Lutheran Scottsbluff*, a few minutes before the worship start time. You will need to scroll down our Facebook page until you see a video with a red button that says live, click on the 'play' arrow to activate the live video, and then make sure the sound isn't muted. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT**, there is now a link on our website: calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org, that will allow you to watch our worship services live event without an account (look for the underlined word LINK and click on it. And please feel free to ignore Facebook's attempt to have you login or create an account!) We will also save the video to our Facebook page for viewing at a later time. Bulletins with congregational responses and hymns for the worship services will be placed on our website and also emailed to everyone who is on our Calvary Lutheran email list, so you may download or print off the bulletin ahead of time to more fully participate in the worship service wherever you may be. The bulletin will also include weekly announcements and prayer lists. Not on our Calvary email list? Contact the church office, and give us your email address and we will be happy to add you to our list.



Mark Your Calendars May 10, 2020 to join us for 'Online' Holy Communion

Sunday May 10th (10:00 a.m.) Holy Communion. Towards the end of our service, we will offer a time for you to share the bread and wine, Body and Blood of Jesus. Be sure to have a little bread and wine ready in your home worship space. If you do not have any wine, grape juice is an acceptable alternative or you may also simply partake of just the bread (what is called communion in one kind).

**Drop those odd dollar bills in the
offering plate (or mail them in)
to benefit
Lutheran World Hunger,
Cat/Pup Packs Backpack Programs,**





CALVARY KITCHEN SHOWER

A box will be placed in the Reception Area on the table under the Women of the ELCA bulletin board next to Pastor Chris's office to receive items needed for the kitchen. The kitchen could use the following: dish soap, scratch pads, paper towels, napkins, Country Time lemonade, salt and pepper, coffee creamer, Comet, aluminum foil, Saran Wrap or Press N Seal, (quart & gallon) Zip Lock Bags, and artificial sweetener.

Cash donations are also welcome; be sure to clearly mark them 'Kitchen Shower' when sending to or dropping off at the church. Be sure to designate WELCA on the envelope.

May Bible Studies



All Women's Bible Study Groups have been canceled for the month of May. We will keep you updated, check the website and Facebook page for any new information that becomes available to us.

Join us for Men's Bible Study via Zoom (online) every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to join please call or email the church to let us know!



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Scan the QR code to the right or go o to our website:

www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org

to set up your giving to Calvary electronically.



Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

Prayers for healing: **Alice Shriver** (Hospitalized), **Jean Collins** (Health Issues), **Kathy Johnson** (Health Issues), **Vicki** (Lung Embolism—friend of Susan Martin), **Betty Kenyon** (recovering from emergency surgery—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision after surgery—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Kenny Shriver** (recovering), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Wes Sell** (recovering), **Neal Blomkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Norman Stevens** (Dave Steven's brother), **Michael Luenenborg** (heart surgery—brother of Deanna Zweifel), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer surgery—friend of Susan Martin), **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).

Prayers for comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Florence Kasza** (Fran Johnson & Barbara Tallmon's sister)

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19.

If you have Prayer Requests, please contact Nancy Steele through her e-mail—steelenlynne@gmail.com or phone her at **632-7558**.

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Jack Martin	5/4	Vicki Howell	5/19
Brigitta Loseke	5/4	Krista Gingrich	5/21
LaDonna Schmidt	5/4	Grant Hinze	5/24
Larry Sibal	5/6	Beth Janecek	5/25
Sherry Belgum	5/7	Jay Judd	5/25
Jodi Christeleit	5/10	Jan Wylie	5/25
Virginia Pickett	5/12	Hunter Walker	5/25
Shari Copsey	5/12	Lawrence Gibbs	5/26
Glen Vandenberg	5/17	Shelby Hinze	5/27
Jeannie Stormoe	5/18	Jensen Bedlan	5/28
James Dorn	5/18	Marlene Downer	5/28
Deb Brown	5/19	Denise Lentz	5/29



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:
OATMEAL

This month's Backpack Program item:
PUDDING CUPS

The Stephen Ministry Symbol



Do you need someone to talk to during these uncertain times? A Stephen minister can be made available to visit with you over the phone. If you are going through a difficult time of any kind, we are ready and able to visit with you. Remember all calls are completely confidential unless you want the pastors to know.

If you or someone you know could use a Stephen Minister, please contact Nancy Steele (632-7558) or (641-7619) or Marsha Bueide (635-1469).

We're **here** for you.



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Deadline for weekly announcements is Wed. at 5 PM.

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

Please send your items to Christy in the church office.

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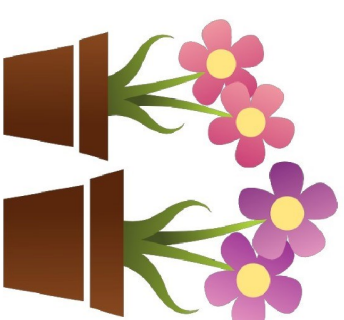
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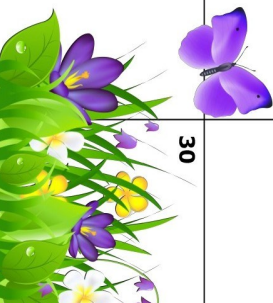
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Daily Devos are also available on our home page.



2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3 10:00am-Facebook LIVE Worship	4	5 9am-Men's Study-Online with Zoom	6 2pm-Zoom Coffee Hour 6:30pm-Zoom Happy Hour	7 11:30am-Exec. Com	8	9
	10 MOTHER'S DAY 10:00am-Facebook LIVE Worship Holy Communion towards end of service	11 6:00pm-Council Mtg- Online	12 9am-Men's Study-Online with Zoom Primary held at Calvary	13 2pm-Zoom Coffee Hour 6:30pm-Zoom Happy Hour	14	15
	17 10:00am-Facebook LIVE Worship	18	19 9am-Men's Study-Online with Zoom	20 2pm-Zoom Coffee Hour 6:30pm-Zoom Happy Hour	21	22
24 10:00am-Facebook LIVE Worship	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 9am-Men's Study-Online with Zoom	27 2pm-Zoom Coffee Hour 6:30pm-Zoom Happy Hour NewsLetter DEADLINE	28	29	30
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