



CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH ELCA

Tidings 2021



"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."

UPCOMING EVENTS



OWLS (Older,Wiser Lutheran's) LUNCHEON

Front Yard Barbeque! Bring your lawn chairs and join us on the front lawn at noon for a BBQ and some much needed fellowship!

SENIOR RECOGNITION-SUNDAY May 16th

Join us at the worship service at 10am to honor and celebrate **Emma Foote, Grace Michael, and Katie Newton** as they graduate from high school.



Red
Geranium



On the weekend of May 22nd & 23rd, we will be celebrating Pentecost. You are invited to wear red to worship, the color of the Holy Spirit. You are also invited to bring red geraniums to help decorate our sanctuary that weekend and then they will be planted in the church flower beds to remind of us of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. in the coming months.

WEAR RED FOR

Pentecost



⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. ⁶For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — ⁷not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:2-4a, 8-10

Dear friends in Christ,

In the above verses from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, he reminds them (and us) that despite our sin—despite all those ways that we fall short of God's desire for our lives—we are saved—forgiven of our sins—made alive together with Christ through the grace of God. AND that we are saved—not because of works—meaning, not because of anything we have done—but through our faith in the risen Christ—and that our salvation is pure gift!

This is the good news of Easter that we have recently celebrated. But then in verse 10, Paul makes an interesting statement that I want to draw your attention to. The phrase '*what he has made us*' is often translated as '*handiwork*', as in, '*we are God's handiwork*' but the Greek word used here is '*poiema*', from which we get the word '*poem*'.

In other words, according to Paul, each person, is a unique expression of God's love. Every word, every phrase, every stanza, every part of who we are has been carefully, lovingly crafted by God. And no two of us are exactly the same!

But notice what else Paul says. We are what God has made us, his handiwork, but we are created for a purpose—and that purpose is to do good works using the unique gifts with which God has created us.

As I read these verses, I am amazed at how much Paul has packed into these few verses. First, Paul lifts up the central tenet of our faith—that our salvation in Christ Jesus is a gift to us—pure gift—given to us freely by God—but having received the gift of salvation—we, who have been uniquely and lovingly created as we are by our God, are to become a gift of good works for others—and this is, to quote Paul '*to be our way of life*'.

Which got me to thinking—what would happen and how might it change our perspective, even how we think about ourselves, if we began each day by saying a prayer of thanks to God for our salvation through Jesus Christ and thanking him for lovingly creating us as we are? And then being bold enough to ask "God, what good works would you have me do today?" How might asking God such a question change what we do?

Saved by grace...for good works!
Pastor Sheryl



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 12, 2021

Board/Committee Reports:

Outreach: An ad was placed in the Star-Herald for Easter; the decal project for the Breezeway is waiting on the painting of the walls. They discussed the 1st impression made when walking in the door near the Fellowship Hall, and suggestions on changes they would like to see. A photo of the Youth wall will be taken, with a photo displayed. Decals to be placed in the Narthex will be the mission statement on one side and a Bible verse on the other; they would like to put a large decal with our logo in the breezeway.

Trustees: Previous month not much happening. Will discuss with committee the suggestions given by the Outreach Committee. The ceiling in the Sanctuary is becoming a priority, waiting to hear from contractors. Jim will check with Winchells about the lawn services.

Worship & Music: Easter in-person attendance was very good; prayer books and hymnals are back in the pews. Thank you to Barb Jensen for doing that work.

Parish Education: Angie was very happy to have 20 kids doing the Watch the Lamb service on Good Friday. Started JAM up 6-7:00 on Wednesdays without meals. Meeting with EPIC kids this Sunday to make plans. Hoping OWLS can meet outside in May.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$52,371.00 Ending Balance: \$56,222.95 It was noted the 3/31 payroll did not hit the bank until 4/1. Three payrolls will show up in April.

Pastor's /Staff Reports: Synod Council accepted our revisions to our constitution. Got a letter from Bishop Maas – thanking our staff and council for working with Covid-19 recommendations, encouraging their continued use and lifting them cautiously. Confirmation classes resumed this week; no youth are being confirmed this year. Senior recognition May 16th, 3 seniors will be recognized. Continuing Ed will happen for the Pastors May 17-21. Pastor Chris will be on the Synod Mission Trip May 3-7.

Old Business: Dennis Gorr will head up the Barbeque-less BBQ; put notice in May Tidings, donations will go 100% to Lakota Center to help them reach the funds needed to receive a matching grant which will allow them to replace the flooring at the Center. Security cameras. Changes on signature cards for the Endowment Fund are done. June 13th is Nancy Steele's 25 anniversary as a PMA.

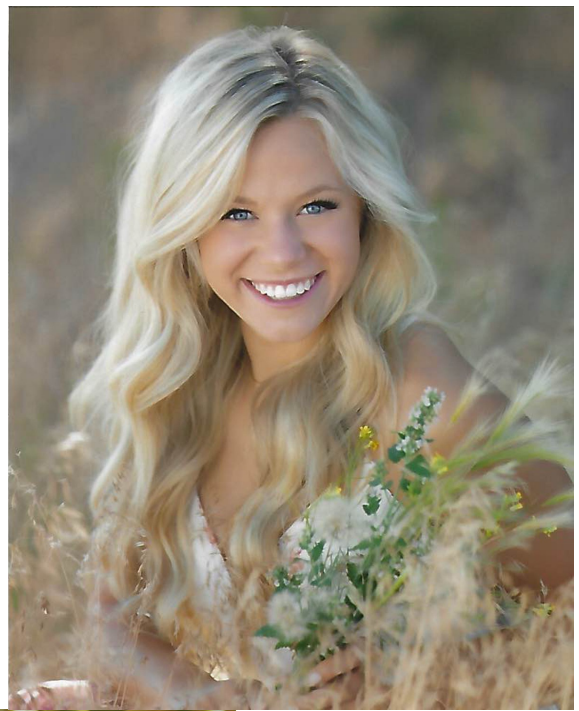
Next Council Meeting: May 10, 2021

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





Emma Foote



Grace Michael



Katie Newton



CALVAY 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:

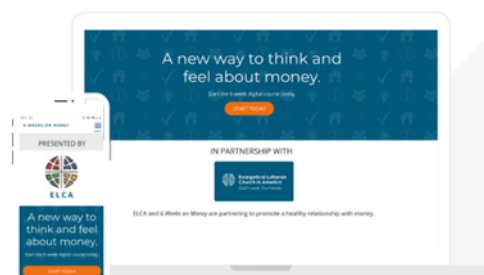
1. Attends Calvary Lutheran Church regularly and has had past record of two years attendance in Sunday school and/or church worship.
2. Is a voting member as defined in the Calvary Lutheran Church Constitution, C8.02C.
3. Will be a full time student as defined by the college you are attending.
4. Have 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.

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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.



SHEETS NEEDED!

The quilting ladies are in need of sheets. If anyone would like to donate please drop them off in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your generosity!





(Kindergarten-6th Grade)



(7th –12th Grades)

5/5 Abide in Jesus

5/12 The Ascension of Jesus &
End of Year Celebration

5/2 Backyard Bible Study at the Hinzes!
Come over to the Hinzes (615 Valley View Drive) at 5pm for backyard games and Bible study around the fire pit. Snacks will be provided.



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

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

Please save your Main Street Market (Panhandle Coop) receipts for the backpack program.

**\$100,000 in receipts =
\$1,000 for the program!**

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|  Main Street Market A DIVISION OF PANHANDLE COOP | |
| Milk | 2.50 |
| Eggs | 3.25 |
| Muffins | 4.50 |
| Lettuce | 1.50 |
| Total | 11.75 |
| Thank you for shopping! | |



**Attention!!!!
Calvary's 22nd Annual BBQ
will be BBQ-less!**

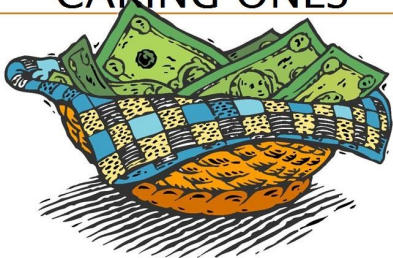
The Church Council at its April meeting voted to once again make this year's event a BBQ-less BBQ. Watch your mail for an invitation to make a donation to our BBQ-less BBQ; the proceeds of which will go to the Lakota Lutheran Center to help them reach the funds needed to receive a matching grant which will allow them to put in new flooring at the Center. We will miss the fellowship and comradery of this year's BBQ but feel not holding the BBQ again this year still makes the most sense.


DOVES

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**

WANT TO SIMPLIFY YOUR GIVING?

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



Women of the ELCA *May Mission Project*



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.



Meeting times & places:



Ruth Study Group—Wednesday, May 5 @ 10:00 a.m. at Calvary's Education Wing
Priscilla Study Group—Monday, May 12 @ 2 p.m. at Calvary's Fellowship Hall
Hannah Study Group—Monday, May 10 @ 7 p.m. at Calvary's Fellowship Hall
Esther Study Group—Tuesday, May 11 @ 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.



Pastoral Care/Prayer Requests

Prayers for healing: **LaDonna Schmidt** (recovering from colon cancer surgery), **Lorene** (cancer – Mike Belgum’s mother), **Deb** (knee replacement surgery—Janet Miller’s sister), **Teigen Brunner** (Healing—Deb Brown’s grandson), **John Rahrs** (heart surgery—Val Rahrs’ dad), **Barb Gorr** (recovering from back surgery), **Syl Holdt** (recovering from knee surgery), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Ron Wegelin** (health issues), **Shirley Schuldies** (health issues-mainly her heart), **Caleb Payne** (health issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Bill Steele** (Recovering from COVID-19), **Beth Janecek** (Radiation), **Rich** (COVID-19 recovery—brother of Barb Gorr), **Harlan Meyer** (Lonnie Miller’s uncle), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **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 & friends of **Tim Smith** (Joan Smith’s son, Angie Hinze & Pat Smith’s brother)

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

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



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| Jack Martin | 5/4 | Deb Brown | 5/19 |
| Brigitta Loseke | 5/4 | Vicki Howell | 5/19 |
| LaDonna Schmidt | 5/4 | Krista Gingrich | 5/21 |
| Larry Sibal | 5/6 | Grant Hinze | 5/24 |
| Sherry Belgum | 5/7 | Beth Janecek | 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 |



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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Nancy Steele, PMA 632-7558 steelenlynne@gmail.com

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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www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - MAY 2021

| DATE | TIME | USHERS | LAY READERS | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | POWERPOINT | MEDIA | ALTAR GUILD |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--|
| May 2 Traditional Service | 10:00 a.m. | Dennis & Barb Gorr | Vicki Howell | Shari Copsey | Mary Jo Huelle | Maunette Looks-Van Patten | Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey |
| May 9 Celebrate Service | 10:00 a.m. | Kent & Dawn Holub | Susan Martin | Dennis Gorr | Matt Payne | Jeff Van Patten | Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler |
| May 16 Traditional Service | 10:00 a.m. | Chris & Barb Jensen | Angie Hinze | Bill Huelle | Andi Dorn | Maunette Looks-Van Patten | Abby Newsom Maunette Looks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh |
| May 23 Celebrate Service | 10:00 a.m. | Deb Brown Jack Martin | Marti Wegelin | Dennis Gorr | Shawna Payne | Jeff Van Patten | Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey |
| May 30 Traditional Service | 10:00 a.m. | Monty & Shari Copsey | Kathy Randall | Bill Huelle | Jack Martin | Maunette Looks-Van Patten | Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler |







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





2021



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | | | | | 1 5:30pm - Worship |
| 2 10am - Worship 5pm - Epic Backyard Bible Study @ Hinze's | 3 | 4 8:30am - Men's Study 12pm - Women's Study 1pm - Quilting | 5 10am - Ruth Circle 12pm - OWLS BBQ 6pm - JAM 7pm - Choir Practice | 6 | 7 | 8 5:30pm - Worship |
| 9 MOTHER'S DAY 10am - Worship  | 10 2pm - Priscilla Circle @ Fellowships Hall 6pm - Council 6:30pm - Hannah Circle in Ed Wing | 11 8:30am - Men's Study 9am - Esther Circle 12pm - Women's Study 1pm - Quilting | 12 6pm - JAM 7pm - Choir Practice | 13 | 14 | 15 9:00am - Trustees 5:30pm - Worship |
| 16 SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY 10am - Worship  | 17 5pm - Elders 6pm - Worship 6pm - Stewards | 18 8:30am - Men's Study 12pm - Women's Study 1pm - Quilting | 19 5:30pm - Social Ministry 7pm - Choir Practice | 20  | 21 | 22 5:30pm - Worship |
| 23 PENTECOSTI 10am - Worship | 24 5pm - Parish Ed | 25 8:30am - Men's Study 12pm - Women's Study 1pm - Quilting | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 5:30pm - Worship |
| 10am - Worship 30 | OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY 31 | | | | | |



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