



CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH ELCA

Tidings 2023



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

UPCOMING EVENTS



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) LUNCHEON

May 3rd @ 12 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo celebration! Join us for a Mexican fiesta of enchiladas, taco bar, and all the fixings! We will have some entertainment and lots of fun!

GRADUATION CELEBRATION-SUNDAY May 7th

Join us at the worship service at 10 am to honor and celebrate **Trea Hess, Kierra Miller, Hunter Miller, Bailey Nikont, Nickie Todd and Alec Sibal** as they graduate from high school. We will also celebrate college graduates, **Jadie Rother** from UNMC College of Dentistry and **Carl Thorpe** from WNCC.



Red
Geranium



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On the weekend of May 27th & 28th, 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

Dear Calvary Family,

I want to bring you up to date on things at Calvary. You know we are working on recruiting a new pastor; we have a call committee which is trained and waiting to receive names to consider.

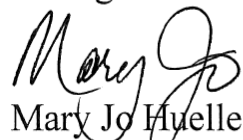
Unfortunately, it looks like this will be a slow process: there are many fewer candidates than there are openings here in Nebraska and throughout the ELCA. We are also on the Nebraska Synod list for a transitional minister (which is how we were blessed with Pastor Brett). In the meantime, Bill Huelle, as a certified Parish Ministry Associate (PMA), is helping “hold down the fort” for us and for First English Lutheran in Kimball.

As these wheels turn slowly, we need to count our blessings and support one another! Words of thanks to those who are working to get us through this time are so very important! Stepping up to help in some way shares the load! Giving our time, talents, and monetary support is essential.

Right now financial support has dropped by approximately \$8,000. We are quickly approaching summer when attendance drops and as a consequence, so does giving. As a result, I want to encourage each of us to take a deep breath, draw on our patience, count our many blessings, and make a plan to maintain or even increase our giving in the next several months.

As a church family, let us love and support each other and our church in “helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love.”

Giving thanks for the blessing of each of you,



Mary Jo Huelle
Council President



COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

April 10, 2022

Acceptance of Agenda – Lynn Margheim moved to accept; Bill Huelle 2nd – accepted. Acceptance of minutes from March 13, 2023: Bill Huelle moved to accept; Lynn Margheim 2nd – accepted.

Board/Committee Reports:

Elders: During the time of transition Bill Huelle will be leading worship. Compensation was mutually agreed upon, with recommendations from the Synod.

Social Ministries: They had their Lenten Dinner, and the monies raised will be going to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Worship & Music: They met to make sure they had everything ready for our Easter services.

Parish Education: JAM will have 5 more dates that they will meet to finish out the year. OWLS had around 15 people attend their last function. VBS dates are yet to be determined, but they are looking at a weekend in July. We are in need of more acolytes. The Easter activities all went well. They are seeing if anyone is interested in attending the Sullivan Hills Camp this summer.

Financial Report: Mary Jo Huelle reported the amounts for February and March: Beginning Balance for February: \$15,748 Ending Balance: \$19,056 Beginning Balance for March: \$19,056 Ending Balance: \$8,439

Pastor's /Staff Reports: PMA Bill Huelle reported that things are going very well. People have stepped up and helped out when/where needed.

Old Business: Lynn Margheim reported that The Call committee have made their connections and have a date set for their “practice” Zoom interview. This is a pre-requisite in order to interview “real candidates”. Bill Huelle would like the church to have a list of people that are on the volunteer schedule and somehow make a connection with them so that they know they are scheduled to serve on a specific date. We have 2 funerals scheduled for April, and Pastor Ed Hunzeker will be presiding over both services. We have a June wedding scheduled, and Bill Huelle is working on getting an ordained person to perform it. We discussed a fundraiser/BBQ/Outdoor service. It was decided to refer it to the Outreach committee members to mull it over.

Next Council Meeting: May 8, 2023

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





Hunter Miller



Kierra Miller



Nickie Todd



Alec Sibal



Bailey Nikont

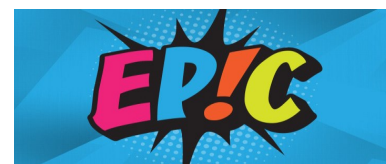


Trea Hess



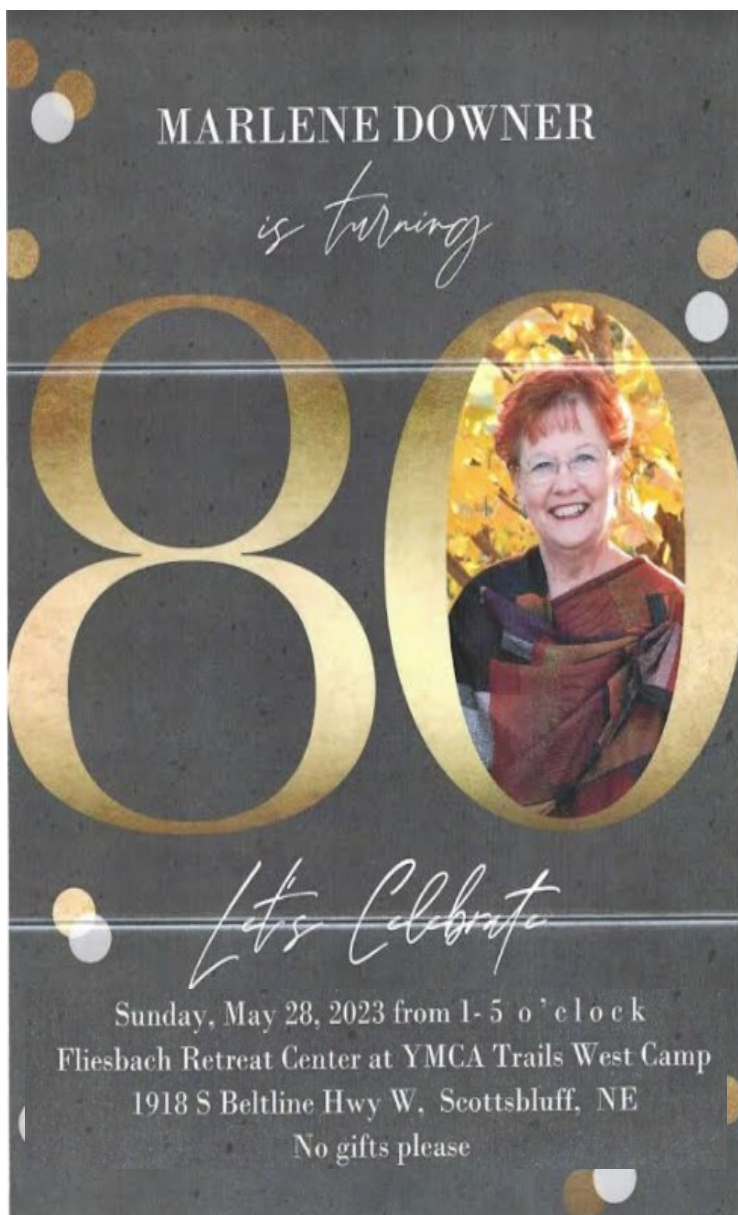
(Kindergarten-6th Grade)

- 5/3 **Jesus is the Way!**
(taco bar with all the fixings)
- 5/10 **End of Year Celebration!**
Join us for a pizza party and games!
(pizza/soda/dessert)



(7th –12th Grades)

- 5/7 **Graduation Celebration Sunday!**
Join us at the 10 am church service to celebrate our graduating seniors from Scottsbluff, Gering, and Bayard! We will also celebrate college graduates, Jadie Rother from UNMC College of Dentistry and Carl Thorpe from WNCC.
- 5/10 **End of the Year Celebration!** Feel free to join our JAM pizza party and game night! You are never too old for pizza and kick ball! Hope you can join us!



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

**\$100,000 in receipts =
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Main Street Market	
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A pastor asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it. AMEN!

CLCW May Mission Project

Our Mission Project for May is **Sullivan Hills Camp**. This month we are asking your help in sending monetary support to Sullivan Hills Camp which serves campers each summer in Western Nebraska. The camp offers programs for grades 1-12, special needs families, confirmation and also provides a beautiful setting for retreats. Donations may be placed in the tan “*Designated Giving*” envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP



Meeting times & places:

Hannah Study Group—Monday, May 1 @ 7 p.m.
at Beth Janecek's home

Priscilla Study Group—Monday, May 8 @ 2 p.m. at
Calvary's Fellowship Hall



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.

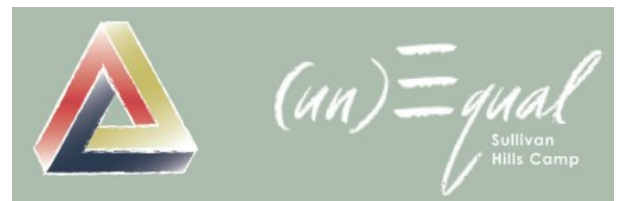
All ladies are invited to join any of these groups.

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.



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.
- Request for scholarships exceeding the eight college semesters will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.



✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **Don Stahla** (Cardiac Issues—Virginia Pickett's brother), **Marsha Bueide** (hospitalized), **Carolyn Jensen** (recovering from knee replacement surgery), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Susan Martin** (recovering from a fall), **Linda Spomer** (healing/pain from broken back), **Perry Crom** (health issues—nephew of Shirlee Schuldies), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from heart surgery), **Catherine Rahrs** (blood clots—Val Rahrs' mother), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Caleb Payne**.

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



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Jack Martin	5/4	Deb Brown	5/19
Brigitta Loseke	5/4	Vicki Howell	5/19
Matt Payne	5/4	Krista Gingrich	5/21
Larry Sibal	5/6	Grant Hinze	5/24
Sherry Belgum	5/7	Beth Janecek	5/25
Marissa Wright	5/8	Jan Wylie	5/25
Jodi Christeleit	5/10	Hunter Walker	5/25
Virginia Pickett	5/12	Lawrence Gibbs	5/26
Shari Copsey	5/12	Shelby Hinze	5/27
Glen Vandenberg	5/17	Jensen Bedlan	5/28
Jeannie Stormoe	5/18	Marlene Downer	5/28
James Dorn	5/18		



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

JUNE will be:

CANNED FRUITS
OATMEAL



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 Marsha Bueide (635-1469) or 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!

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

Contact the Office by E-mail at: calvarylutheranscottsbluff@gmail.com

Send physical mail/offerings to: 17 E. 27th Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361.

PMA Bill Huelle: (308) 631-3389

Youth & Family Ministry Dir. Angie Hinze: 631-2768 adhinze@gmail.com



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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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.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - MAY 2022





DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA AUDIO	ALTAR GUILD
May 7 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Angie Hinze	Barb Jensen (Head) Rick Margheim Lynn Margheim	Matt Payne Ayden Tompkins Jacey Cochran	Jeff Van Patten Jack Martin	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
May 14 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Marissa Wright	Vicki Howell (Head) Deb Brown Marlene Downer	Andi Dorn Merrick Walsh Ben Moravec	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Jim Dorn	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
May 21 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Vicki Howell	Marti Wegelin	Shari Copsey (Head) Tracy Steele Chris Thomas	Shawna Payne Rhyan Buckley Brynlee Payne	Chris Jensen Jack Martin	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
May 28 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Mary Jo Huelle	Jack Martin (Head) Abby Newsom Marissa Wright	Shawna Payne DaKota Newsom Max Judy	Jeff Van Patten Jim Dorn	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey

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



2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm-Hannah Circle @ Beth Janeczek's	2 12pm-Sarah Study 1pm-Quilting	3 12pm-OWLS Luncheon 5:30pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	4 11:30am-Exec Mtg	5	6 5:30pm-Worship
7 <u>GRADUATION CELEBRATION</u> <u>SUNDAY</u> 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	8 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall 6pm-Council	9 12pm-Sarah Study 1pm-Quilting	10 5:30pm-JAM-End of Year Celebration 7pm-Choir Practice	11	12	13 5:30pm-Worship
14 <u>MOTHER'S DAY</u> 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	15 5pm-Elders 6pm-Worship 6pm-Stewards	16 12pm-Sarah Study 1pm-Quilting	17 7pm-Choir Practice	18	19 	20 9:00am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship
21 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	22 5pm-Panish Ed	23 12pm-Sarah Study 1pm-Quilting	24 7pm-Choir Practice	25	26 	27 5:30pm-Worship
28 10am-Worship 11am-Coffee & Fellowship	29 OFFICE CLOSED 	30 12pm-Sarah Study 1pm-Quilting	31			



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