



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastors' Tuesday Evening Study begins Oct. 6th @ 7 p.m.

“Vindicating the Vixens” is the study book for this fall’s Tuesday evening study. This book takes a deep look at several of the women in the Bible and challenges how we often interpret their stories. For example, did the Samaritan woman at the well really divorce five husbands? Was Mary Magdalene really a reformed prostitute? Did Eve really cause the fall? Drawing on the latest Biblical Scholarship, the contributors dispel myths about numerous women of the Bible and demonstrate how a more accurate understanding leads us to a deeper, more biblical knowledge of God, women, and men. *Interested in the study but would prefer to Zoom-in? Let us know and we’ll send you the Zoom link.* Plan now to join us!

Study the Bible
with us



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

October 7

Outdoor BBQ in the front lawn at the church! Bring a lawn chair and join us for hamburgers, chips, and root beer floats! (weather permitting) Angie will share a devotion and we will just sit back and enjoy some fellowship.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY ON OCTOBER 25TH



When a child is baptized, we, as the people of God, promise to support and pray for them in their new life in Christ. Your presence on this special day is one way you can fulfill the promise we as a church made to God. We rejoice that the following young people will be affirming the Baptismal promises made for them at their baptisms. Please include these youth in your prayers and come celebrate with them on October 25th.

Ella Foote Theron Miller

Pastor's Page

Are we there yet? A popular refrain from the back seat by a bored youngster, whose game batteries have died and doesn't have their own phone yet. The drive, whether it's just across town or across the country, becomes something to simply be endured.

It seems that 2020 has become that kind of ride. Some hope on November 3rd it will all be over, all the hype, hysteria, and health warnings will fade away. Some are pouting and kicking the back of the front seat to make sure everyone knows how annoyed they are. Some are just glaring out the window resentful they have to be in the car at all. That's 2020.

For us there is an alternative, and I think this alternative is important for us to consider since we still have a third of 2020 left. The writer of Hebrews urges us to '*run with perseverance the race that is set before us*' with our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1). Keeping our focus on Jesus is more than an old gospel hymn cliché, rather it encourages the faithful (that's us!) to keep our heads up, our eyes on Jesus (and on Jesus' words and deeds for inspiration and encouragement) and to keep running the race of life and faith; not getting discouraged and not giving up just because the race is not as easy as we thought it would be.

This doesn't mean we ignore 2020 and all that is going on around us. These words of encouragement come on the heels of a long list of those who have run in different times and diverse backgrounds but all meeting struggles and hardship with God's help. They journeyed on faithfully, wrestling with adversity '*by faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises...*' (Hebrews 11:35). The writer calls these individuals our 'fan base' cheering us on in our own journeys.

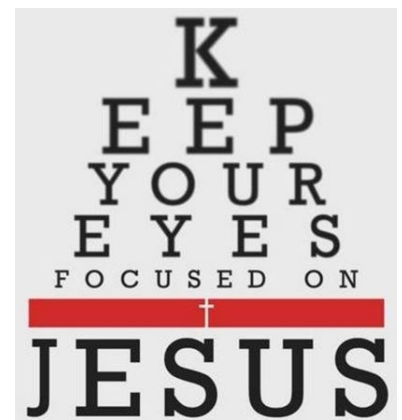
Keeping our eyes on Jesus we meet the continuing challenges and face them. Lately, I have been given to saying, "Can 2020 get any worse?" I've stopped saying that as new fires break out, hurricanes continue to slam the south and political tensions just seem to boil hotter and hotter. Yes, there is time left in 2020 for a lot to happen.

Who knows? Still we pray, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, ON EARTH, as it is in heaven. Setting our eyes on Jesus doesn't mean we can simply stare out the window waiting for 2020 to finally end. Jesus didn't just endure the journey, and keeping our eyes on him reminds us of our calling to be disciples, following in His footsteps. Footsteps that walked through throngs of people and having compassion on them, walking along calling out to the lonely and the hurting, the sinners and the tax collectors, the widows and orphans.

Being forced to shut down in 2020, didn't mean we took an extended vacation, but it did challenge our whole sense of ministry and how we did ministry. I must confess, I, at least, am still not sure what our 'new' sense of ministry and how we do it is. But one thing is clear we continue to keep our eyes on Jesus and continue to run with perseverance the race that is set before us and we bid you to join us.

Keeping on in Jesus

Pastor Chris



COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

September 14, 2020

Board/Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: LaDonna Schmidt reporting. Asked if chairperson of committees are to find their own people, or if it is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee. She would like help!

Outreach: Meeting Wednesday, 9/16.

Elders: Training of Christy by Grant is going well.

Social Ministries: had the backpack filling yesterday; needs more supplies to complete them all. Crop Walk is tentatively scheduled for October 11th at 2:00.

Trustees: Worked on the fence on the back of the lot. Took out old posts; extended fence by 2 sections.

Worship & Music: Yesterday, Facebook would not hook – it was a Facebook problem, other churches had the same problem. Will go over new Covid rules at next meeting. Getting a new Advent wreath – Bill Huelle will create it, so don't need the Memorial money. Mary Jo explained a few needed written directions for the Power Point section/AV person. Need to record the service so it can be uploaded later when online problems occur.

Stewards: Working on stewardship theme of Make It Simple. Got the videos wanted, need to figure out how to use in the service.

Parish Education: JAM begins on Wednesday night. Dinner @ 6:00; spend as much time outdoors as possible; will coincide with Sunday lessons. EPIC first meeting is swim party at Randalls. OWLS will be outdoor lunch in October.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$29,006.68 Ending Balance: \$37,102.74. No payment to Portico, which is why balance is so high. Christy is now preparing the checks with Grant signing checks. Donations have continued to be high during this time. Dennis Gorr moved, Jim Dorn 2nd to accept the financial report – accepted

Pastor's /Staff Reports: Two youth for confirmation this year. Needed options for other nights to meet, came up with a Zoom meeting every other Tuesday evening, hopefully that will work. A youth from Holy Apostles will join the Calvary youth. October 25 will be Confirmation Sunday for those who finished last year. Will not have a Confirmation Sunday this coming spring, as both youth are doing their first year. Weekend of 9/26-27 they will be on vacation - they will run the half marathon in the Monument Marathon on Saturday and need to recover! Starting Pastor's Bible study in October. Adult Sunday School will not start now, the time is needed to greet parishioners as they come to church.

Old Business:

Phase 4 Covid Rules begin Monday. Worship Committee will address it in next meeting. In-church attendance is creeping up slowly. We could go to 75% capacity, but can't open more places because of the 6 ft distance recommendation. JAM masks not required, but encouraged.

Insurance update – everything is signed. Jim will follow up with the part of the policy that requires Calvary to have a Child & Youth Protection Policy on file with the company.

New Business:

Pastor Appreciation Sunday and a Thank You Reception for Mary Jo being planned for October by the Elders.

Next meeting will be held October 12, 2020

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



(Kindergarten-6th Grade)



(7th –12th Grades)

- 10/7 The Parable of the Wedding Banquet**
(hamburgers/chips/fruit)
- 10/14 A Trick Question about Allegiance**
(pancakes/sausage/juice)
- 10/21 The Greatest Commandment**
(enchiladas/chips/salsa)
- 10/28 The Beatitudes**
(pizza)

- 10/11 Movie Night at the Hinzes!**
Join us for dinner at 5:30pm, Bible study, and then we will watch an outdoor movie (weather permitting). Bring your own blanket! Our address is 615 Valley View Drive in Scottsbluff.

Worship With Us Online

To worship with us 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. **DON'T HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT?** There is 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. Please feel free to ignore Facebook's attempt to have you log-in 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.



We **ENCOURAGE** every family of Calvary to support our area Food Pantry and Backpack Program. 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:

CANNED VEGGIES

This month's Backpack Program item:

OATMEAL

OCTOBER'S items will be:

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Help Us Restock the HelpShelf.

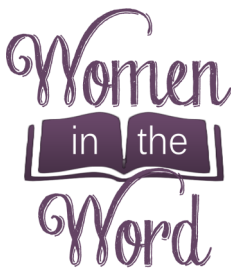
Thank you for helping to keep students at WNCC and the UNMC College of Nursing supplied with needed basic personal items and study snacks during the school year. This is an ongoing project are in need of donations once again.

Requested items include: microwavable individual meals like macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, assorted snacks, deodorant, small packages of Kleenex, cough drops, pens and notebooks, Gatorade or bottled water. Thank you!

Our mission project for October is the Cooperative Ministries Backpack Program (CatPacks/PupPacks). This project helps students in the public schools who might have a difficult time finding meals on the weekends in their homes. Students must qualify to receive a backpack that is to be sent home with them on the weekend and returned to school on Monday. Food items needed are listed in the bulletins and in the Tidings. These items may be placed in containers in the Fellowship Hall entry. Cash donations may be placed in the tan “*Designated Giving*” envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark WELCA Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUPS



Our October study will be The holy “now” - recognizing and responding to God’s kairos time. The theme verses are Luke 12:54-56, Luke 21:25-33 and Matthew 24:3-8.

Meeting times and places follow:

Hannah Circle - 1st Monday @ 7 p.m. at Calvary’s Education Wing

Ruth Circle - 1st Wednesday @ 10 a.m. at Calvary

Priscilla Circle - 2nd Monday @ 2 p.m. at Calvary’s Education Wing

Esther Circle - 2nd Tuesday @ 9 a.m. at Ruth Harris’

All are welcome to join us!



MEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY — Every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. The study is on the book of Acts, a study by Warren Wiersbe, Be Dynamic. Please come share an hour of your time with us.



Calvary Decals

This copy of the Tidings includes a small visual reminder that all are welcome here! The vinyl decals are provided by the Outreach Board. Originally they were going to help financially support the new sound and video equipment for the continued live streaming of services, but that monetary need has been met. If you want to contribute to the printing cost, you may stop in the office and make a donation. Peel the decal and apply it to a window in your car or home or some other visible spot. Let it be an invitation to others to join us here at Calvary.



Audio Team

Are YOU using the gift's God gave you?

THESE TEAMS NEED YOU!

Our Livestream worship is up and running and we are so thankful to those who have made a commitment to our Media and Audio Teams who make the Livestream happen. However, we are in need of a couple more people for both our Media Team and Audio Team (these are separate jobs).



If interested in serving in this way, please talk to Pastors Sheryl or Chris or Dennis Gorr.
Thanks!

CARING ONES



Drop those odd dollar bills in the
offering plate to benefit
Lutheran World Hunger,
Cat/Pup Pack Backpacks Program,
Lakota Lutheran Center

Confirmation Classes

Classes will meet via Zoom every other Tuesday evening from **7:30—8:15 p.m.**
Please refer to the schedule you received via email from
Pastor Chris for details. Any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Chris.

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, during the week you may notify Christy in the church office, let us know by filling out the online Attendance and Prayer Request card under the worship tab on our website or on Sunday morning, inform one of the ushers of your prayer request and they will make a list and give those to the pastor before worship begins.

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to set up your giving to Calvary electronically.





Prayers for healing: **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering from eye surgery), **Kaitlyn & BJ Carr & kids** (Covid-19), **Dawsyn Buckley** (grandson of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Linda Spomer** (Aortic Valve Replacement), **Judy Luenenborg** (abdominal problems—Deanna Zweifel's sister-in-law), **Betty Kenyon** (continued growth in progress & strength—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **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).

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19 and unsettledness, firefighters and their families who are fighting the fires in California, Colorado, and anywhere fires are blazing across the states. Protect them and give them the resources they need. Special prayer to all of those taking care of foster children and to the children needing extra love and care.

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



Barb Tallmon	10/1	Kevin Miller	10/13
Jude Walker	10/1	Kathy Randall	10/13
Macy Schlothauer	10/3	Elnora Sell	10/14
Katie Newton	10/3	Lacey Fleenor	10/17
Becky Martin	10/3	Pam Halley	10/18
Jennifer Sibal	10/4	Joani Kleensang	10/20
Emma Foote	10/5	Mabel Dedlow	10/20
Linda Lojka	10/5	Pastor Sheryl	10/21
George Schlothauer	10/6	Maunette Loeks	10/21
Leah Nikont	10/7	Carol Zier	10/23
Gail Koenig	10/8	Paris Miller	10/24
Kurt Nikont	10/9	Rayce Walsh	10/24
Janet Miller	10/9	Sable Holub	10/25
Willard Rusch	10/9	Diane Vandenberg	10/27
Reuben Gorr	10/9	Joan Smith	10/31



Mark Your Calendars: 2020 CROP Walk

The 2020 CROP Walk will be on Sunday, Oct. 11th @ 2 p.m. starting at the parking lot on the Pathway at the back of the zoo.

Jack Martin will be available Sundays after worship to collect any donations, to sign you up as a walker, or help you become a sponsor.

If the weather is wet and miserable that day, the walk will be canceled, and walkers will be asked to walk another day or to go out to the mall and do a few laps inside.



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Wildfires in the West. Hurricanes in the South. Tornadoes in the Midwest. Covid-19. Throughout our nation and around the world, disaster strikes with alarming frequency and sometimes it can feel as if we are helpless in the face of it all. But whenever and wherever disaster strikes, you are there through the work of Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), not only in the immediate aftermath but also long after the disaster has faded from the headlines. Your donations to the work of LDR are critical in allowing LDR to make a

difference when disaster strikes. If you have not already done so, please consider making a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response either by going to: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response> or by making a donation to Calvary specifically earmarked for Lutheran Disaster Response or if you wish you can even be more specific by writing 'wildfires', 'hurricanes', etc. in your memo line. And remember, 100% of what you donate will go for disaster response!

Thrivent Financial

Are you a Thrivent member? And if you are, do you know that as a Thrivent member (depending on what investments or products you have with Thrivent) you might have Thrivent Choice dollars that you can designate to a non-profit ministry of your choice including Calvary Lutheran and hundreds of other ministries every year? And that you also have at least \$250 dollars (and possibly \$500) per year that you can choose to kickstart a Thrivent Action Project that can make a difference in our church or community. For example, this fall a member of Calvary used their \$250 to purchase the backpacks and some of the supplies that were used to fill the School Backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. To direct your Thrivent Choice dollars, start a Thrivent Action Project or simply to learn more go to: <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/>, talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or talk to your Thrivent agent.



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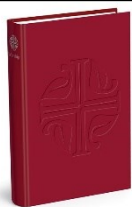
**LIVE
GENEROUSLY**

October is **Pastor Appreciation** Month



Plan now to join us on October 11th & October 18th to say thank you to Pastors Chris and Sheryl. ALSO, since we are now in Phase 4, (concerning Covid-19) we can finally hold our 'Thank You' reception for

Mary Jo Huelle who graciously served for a year as our Interim Office Manager. Her reception will be October 11th following worship. Please join the Elders and Council, in the Fellowship Hall on these 2 Sundays to say 'Thank You' to our Pastors and Mary Jo. Cake and coffee will be provided.



Hymnal Available to Borrow

Do you miss being able to follow along with the music when we sing a hymn or song during worship?

Hymnals are available to borrow for those who wish one. We only

ask, per Governor Ricketts health directives if worshipping with us in person, that you bring it with you to worship and take it home with you after, rather than leaving it in the pew. Want to borrow a hymnal talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or one of the ushers.

Thank you

Thank you for the books on grieving that you sent. It has been a help and reassurance for me at this time. Thank you also for the prayers and thoughts they are deeply appreciated.

God Bless

Kenny and family



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the school kits or stayed after church on September 13th to fill the backpacks with supplies. We filled 81 backpacks and couldn't have done it with you. Thank you for your generosity!



Packing school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, please contact Nancy Steele (632-7558 or 641-7619) or 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!

Pastors Sheryl and Chris

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Deadline for weekly announcements is Wed. at 5 PM. Deadline for Tidings newsletter is the 20th of each month. Please send your items to Christy the church office.

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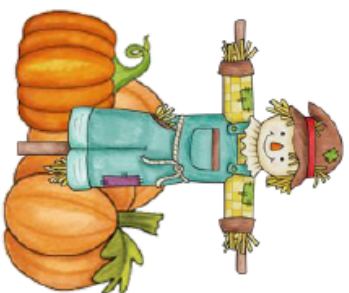
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October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion	5 11:30am-Exec Com 7pm-Hannah Circle @ Calvary's Education Wing	6 8:30am-Men's Study (Zoom) Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Bible Study 7:30 pm-Confirmation on Zoom	7 10 am-Ruth Circle @ Calvary 12pm-OWLS Lunch 6pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	1	2	3 5:30pm-Worship
11 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion 11am-Pastor Appreciation Reception & Mary Jo Huelle "Thank You" Reception 2pm-CROPWALK	12 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Calvary's Fellowship Hall 6pm-Council Mtg	13 8:30am-Men's Study (Zoom) 9am-Esther Circle @ Ruth Harris' Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Bible Study	14 5:30pm-Social Ministry 6pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	15 1:30pm-Parkinson's Support	16	17 5:30pm-Worship
18 10am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion 11am-Pastor Appreciation Reception	19 5pm-Elders 6pm-Stewards 6pm-Worship/Music	20 8:30am-Men's Study (Zoom) Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Bible Study 7:30 pm-Confirmation on Zoom <i>New Letter</i> Deadline	21 6pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	22	23	24 8am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship
25 REFORMATION & CONFORMATION SUNDAY 10:00am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion	26	27 8:30am-Men's Study (Zoom) Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Bible Study	28 6pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice	29	30	31 5:30pm-Worship Happy Halloween

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 2020

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD
October 4 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Angie Hinze	Bill Huelle	Matt Payne	Colter Burkey	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele
October 11 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Vicki Howell LaDonna Schmidt	Susan Martin	Dennis Gorr	Andi Dorn	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Andi Dorn Carmen Kleager Shelly Koehler Jessica Laughlin
October 18 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Jack Martin	Chris Jensen	Bill Huelle	Shawna Payne	Jeff Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
October 25 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Kathy Randall	Colter Burkey	Mary Jo Huelle	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele

If you are unable to serve,

please find a replacement and inform the church office. Thanks!





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