

Tidings 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS



First Communion Class

October 10th from 1-3 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Parents: Do you have a child who is not yet receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion and is interested in doing so? At Calvary, there is no specific age at which a child may begin receiving Communion; it is at the parent's discretion. However, if we understand that in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Christ's forgiveness and promise of his presence and love, then it is never too early to begin receiving communion. If interested, or if you have questions, please talk with either Pastor Chris or Sheryl.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Assembly

October 10, 2021



For God's Work, Our Hands Sunday we will again be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are asking you to collect the following supplies which we will assemble on Sunday, October 10th before worship. Please review the list carefully as **ONLY** the items listed below can be sent in the backpacks. Also please note, nothing can have religious messaging or patriotic symbols or camouflage. Collection boxes will be outside the fellowship hall. Start collecting now and take advantage of 'Back to School' sales!!!

October is **Pastor Appreciation** Month



Plan now to join us on October 10th & October 17th to say thank you to Pastors Chris and Sheryl. Please join the Elders and Council, in the Fellowship Hall on these 2 Sundays to say 'Thank You' to our Pastors. Cake and coffee will be provided.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

October 6

Join us for "Singing for Supper" John Mentgen's non-profit organization. We will have meatball sandwiches, chips, and dessert. Angie will share a devotion and we will just sit back and enjoy some great music!

Pastor's Page

Does it seem like all we do is talk past each other anymore? Economy, financial, family, Covid, political divisions, it all reminds me of a song:

Try to see it my way
Do I have to keep on talking 'til I can't go on?
While you see it your way
Run the risk of knowing that our love may soon be gone?
We can work it out.

Sound familiar? These are the lyrics from a song by the Beatles. Like many of the Beatles songs, it contains a not so subtle sarcasm. In this song it's trying to convince one's partner to change their mind. And begs the question, Is there any hope for working something out? It seems that's a big question lately and one that only seems to become shriller each and every day. So is there a chance to work it out?

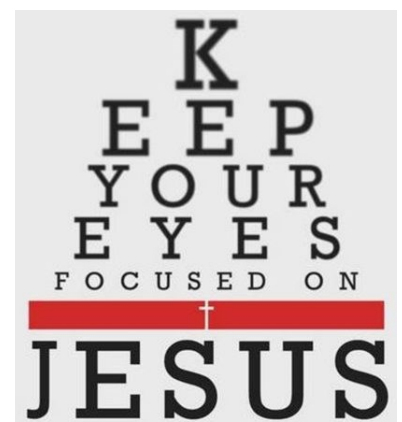
I think the answer is, "No and yes." First and always we must hear the 'no'. Like a child reaching for a hot stove, you can't take time to reason with them, you just say, "No!" I am not saying that peace is impossible, 'no' means simply, acknowledging that what we are doing is not working, so stop what you are doing! Too many times, we get trapped into thinking, "If we just try harder..." This means, if I am a little more forceful with my ideas, my plans, my way of doing things, it will all work out. To this we must hear the word, "No."

You may think I am speaking mostly about our political climate, but what about our families? How many times do we think, if only my spouse would do what I think, things would be okay. Of course our children are supposed to obey us, if I could just get them to listen to me! What might happen if we stopped for a moment and listened to them?

To work it out often takes listening and especially listening to God. So what does God say? As Christians, this is where we need to begin, and not surprisingly the first thing we often hear is God saying 'no'. In the book of Isaiah, where Isaiah lifts up a wonderful vision of people working it out, God tells Isaiah, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than yours."* Isaiah 55:8-9. Too often we think we know what God's going to say and when we do, that's when we hear God say loudly, 'no'.

If we can stop talking long enough to listen, then we have a chance to see things work out, maybe not our way, but God's way. It is when we first hear this 'no' that we can experience the truth of the Apostle Paul's benediction, *"May the peace of Christ dwell richly in your hearts. To which you were called..."* Colossians 3:15. Finding peace with each other is possible, but first what that might mean is hearing a 'no'. Max Lucado in a book called 'Anxious For Nothing', says saying 'no' to our anxieties, by saying 'yes' to God is the first step to working things out in our families, our relationships, and maybe even the world around us!

God's Peace, Pastor Chris



COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

September 13, 2021

Nominating Committee: Asked each Board committee chair to check with people on their committee to see who is returning and let her know of any changes.

Board/Committee Reports:

Outreach: no meeting, decals were put up in July; will be meeting Monday

Elders: Prep work was done to be able to do background checks as required by our insurance company. Two people will be able to do the checks.

Social Ministries: Habitat for Humanity date was postponed due to materials not arriving. People can join in on weekdays as they want; Board will be selecting a day in October. Laundry of Love coordinator is Maunette Loeks-Van Patten. We will probably have to cover only one day every 3 months. Crop Walk is coming October 3rd.

Trustees: Back door electrical is working for handicapped entry but the electrician still has some work to do; windows in breezeway replaced; pigeons in the courtyard are gone. Some discussion on the 'Ring' doorbell has taken place, more research will happen. Pastor Sheryl mentioned there have been issues with printing the bulletin. Bytes or Connecting Point will hopefully be able to solve the issues.

Worship & Music: Generosity Event and Ice Cream Social yesterday was very well received. Pleased with turn out. We are once again making our own communion bread. People enjoyed fellowshiping in the Fellowship Hall after the service. There was a suggestion to have a hymn sing on the 5th Sunday again, it will be discussed. Providing words for hymns being requested would be a challenge for those worshipping online. Becky Martin wanted to know if we will have a joint service with Rejoice in November. It is doubtful but will be discussed.

Parish Education: Fall youth programs (JAM & EPIC) are underway. OWLS continued through the summer. Celebrate Event was well attended.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$55,910.94 - July 1st Ending Balance: \$50,100.25 August 31st

Pastor's /Staff Reports: Went to Annual Cluster Retreat. A wedding is scheduled for October 3rd. Scheduling 1st Communion class. Have 8 attendees in Confirmation class, 1 from Holy Apostle and 7 from Calvary. Week of Oct 18th they will be out attending both Lutheran and Episcopal meetings.

Old Business: Hybrid Church Webinar: discussions after each video were good. Online "dead time" while communion is happening may need to be addressed. Two stations have been introduced to speed up the process. Suggested we check out other online church services to see if there are things we can add/change/include or NOT include. Covid Concerns: discussed what future possibilities might be. No change of policy at this point. It can be addressed again in the future.

New Business: Pastor Appreciation in October, requested 10th and 17th as Sundays.

Next meeting will be held October 11, 2021

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



(Kindergarten-6th Grade)



(7th –12th Grades)

- 10/6 A Rich Man Asks a Question
(meatball sandwiches/chips/dessert)
- 10/13 An Argument About Greatness
(enchiladas/chips/dessert)
- 10/20 Bartimaeus is Healed
(tater tot casserole/bread/dessert)
- 10/27 Love God, Love Your Neighbor
(ravioli bake/bread/dessert)

- 10/3 Crop Walk - 2 pm at YMCA Pathway
- 10/24 Lingle Corn Maze with Methodist Youth Group



It is with deep appreciation that the family of Bill Steele wishes to express our sincere thanks for all of the prayers, calls, cards, visits, food, and monetary donations. Your kindness and support has touched our hearts, upheld and uplifted us through this difficult time. Thank you to Pastor Chris for being present with the family during Bill's final hour.

Nancy, Andy, Tracy
and family

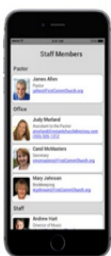
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In Person:

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Or

Online on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

via Facebook Live

Or

**On demand via our Facebook page
or the link on our webpage.**



laundrylove

What is Laundry Love?

Laundry Love is a ministry that offers free-use of washers, dryers, detergent, and dryer sheets to individuals and families who are hard-pressed to cover the cost of basic necessities by partnering with a local laundromat and churches. We would be partnering with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community (our commitment would be 2 to 3 hours every third month). The Social Ministry Committee has provided us with \$200 seed money to get us started but first we need to get this ministry off the ground. If interested or if you have questions, please talk to one of the pastors.



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

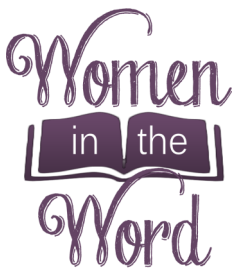
NOVEMBER'S items will be:

**BAKING SUPPLIES
GRANOLA BARS**

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.

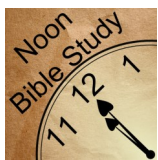


WOMEN'S STUDY GROUPS



Meeting times and places follow:

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



TUESDAY NOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come join Nancy Steele and the ladies on Tuesdays at Noon for Bible Study.

Bring your lunch and join us!

MEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

A study on Paul's letter to the Galatians and expand on the belief that we are sanctified not by legalistic works but by the obedience that comes from faith in God's work for him, in him and through him by the grace and power of Christ and the Holy Spirit. A study by Warren Wiersbe. We would love to have you share an hour of your time with us!



Pastors' Tuesday Evening Study @ 7 p.m.

Join us on Tuesday evenings @ 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a study using Max Lucado's book: *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. *Anxious for Nothing* invites readers to delve into Philippians 4:6-7 “*Do not be anxious about anything...*” If you would like the church to order you a book, please contact the church office or you may purchase it yourself or download it to your favorite e-reader.



A BIG
thank
you


Thank you for making our first ever Celebrate Generosity event a success!! Plan now to join us Sunday October 10th at 9 a.m. for our second event. Prizes may be awarded!! This event is for everyone young to old and in between.



Compassionate God/Generous God

For our annual Stewardship Campaign we will Celebrate our Compassionate and Generous God. We will begin Oct 10th @ 9 a.m., by celebrating God's and our generosity with a packing party of our LWR School Kits. Then in worship we will celebrate God's compassion toward all of God's creation. On Oct. 17th we will see God's generosity poured down, shaken together and overflowing. Finally on Oct. 24th, Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate our own generosity by returning our pledges for the coming year.

Come celebrate our Compassionate and Generous God!!

Confirmation Classes

Classes will convene each Wednesday evening from **6—7 p.m.** Please refer to the letter you received last month from Pastor Chris for details.

Parents are asked to be involved in the confirmation program. Dinner will be provided. For any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Chris.



CARING ONES



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

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www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org
to set up your giving to Calvary electronically.



SCAN ME

Please note: if you have been using the Give+ app for your donations, you will need to download the new Vanco Mobile app after Sept. 30th to make any future donations in this manner.



Prayers for healing: **Becky Michael** (Covid), **Patty** (Health Reasons—Lonnie Miller's sister), **Marj Nikont** (Rehab), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **Tom Bosshardt** (Back Surgery), **Elmer Haas** (Health Issues—Elnora Sell's brother-in-law), **Jennifer Randall** (Recovering from a car accident—Wally & Kathy Randall's daughter-in-law), **Jean Collins** (hip replacement surgery), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker's great grandson), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for: **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regards to son Liam—Jude Walker's granddaughter & husband).

If you have Prayer Chain Requests, please contact Nancy Steele through her e-mail—steelenlynn@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
Madison Payne	10/12		



Mark Your Calendars: 2021 CROP Walk

The 2021 CROP Walk will be on Sunday, Oct. 3rd @ 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.



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.

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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October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5pm-Blomenkamp/ Richards Rehearsal	2 3pm-Blomenkamp/ Richards Wedding 5:30pm-Worship
3 10am-Worship 2pm-CROPWALK	4 7pm-Hannah Circle	5 8:30am-Men's Study Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Pastor's Bible Study	6 12pm-OWLS Lunch 5:30pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	7	8	9 5:30pm-Worship
10 9am-Celebrate Generosity & God's Work, Our Hands Sunday 10am-Worship 11am-Pastor Appreciation Reception 1-3pm-1st Comm Class	11 2pm-Priscilla Circle 6pm-Council Mtg	12 8:30am-Men's Study 9am-Esther Circle @ Ruth Harris' Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Pastor's Bible Study	13 5:30pm-Social Ministry 5:30pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	14	15	16 5:30pm-Worship
17 10am-Worship 11am-Pastor Appreciation Reception	18 5pm-Elders 6pm-Stewards 6pm-Worship/Music	19 8:30am-Men's Study Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting	20 5:30pm-JAM 7pm-Choir Practice NewsLetter DEADLINE	21	22	23 9am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship
24 10:00am-Worship	25 5pm-Parish Ed	26 8:30am-Men's Study Noon-Women's Study 1pm-Quilting 7pm-Pastor's Bible Study	27 5:30pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Choir Practice	28	29	30 5:30pm-Worship
31 REFORMATION SUNDAY 10:00am-Worship 						

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 2021

DATE	TIME	USHERS	LAY READERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD
October 3 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Deb Brown Jack Martin	LaDonna Schmidt	Barb Jensen	Andi Dorn Max Judy	Chris Jensen	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
October 10 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Kent & Dawn Holub	Angie Hinze	Dennis Gorr	Matt Payne Brynlee Payne	Jeff Van Patten	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh
October 17 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Monty & Shari Copsey	Vicki Howell	Bill Huelle	Mary Jo Huelle DaKota Newsom	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey
October 24 Celebrate Service	10:00 a.m.	Chris & Barb Jensen	Susan Martin	Dennis Gorr	Shawna Payne Jacey Cochran	Jeff Van Patten	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler
October 31 Traditional Service	10:00 a.m.	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Kathy Randall	Bill Huelle	Jack Martin Micaela Hess	Chris Jensen	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh

If you are unable to serve,

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





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