

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Assembly

September 13, 2020

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, September 13 following 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 in the breezeway. Start collecting now and take advantage of 'Back to School' sales!!!



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INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

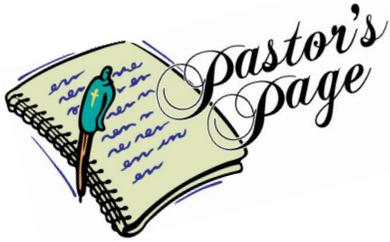
- 4--70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- 1--30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1--pencil sharpener
- 1--pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5--unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5--black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1--box of 16 or 24 crayons ONE 2 1/2" eraser
- 1--sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps



Zoom Happy Hour with Thrivent Financial, Wednesday, September 2nd from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.



Pastors Sheryl and Chris are teaming up with a representative from Thrivent Financial for a fun, interactive, and educational Zoom Happy Hour. We'll share some laughs via Kahoot trivia (your identity can remain anonymous if preferred :) and also learn how Thrivent might help you increase support to Calvary or another favorite ministry! This virtual gathering will be Wed, Sept. 2nd from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and will include trivia, prizes, fun and fellowship, as well as helping everyone understand how Thrivent might better support you and Calvary Lutheran. You need not be a member of Thrivent to join us! Interested? Look for the email with the zoom link in your email inbox the first week of September. We hope to see you there.



"But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him; just as he told you."

Mark 16:8

A friend of mine who is a pastor up in South Dakota, recently posted a video to her congregation as the schools in their area were opening this fall and in it she shared these words: "There was a very wise Bishop who told me one time, when I was a little anxious about going into a new situation. You know, Rhonda, before you ever open that door, God has walked before you. God's already in the space that you are going. So remember that God's there. Rely upon God. Call upon God and be present and near to God and God will guide you through this situation."

As I listened to her video I knew exactly who that wise Bishop was, for he had said much the same thing to me in the sermon he had preached at my ordination over 30 years ago, promising me that whenever I stood outside a hospital room or was about to enter someone's home because their loved one had just died; that I did not go alone, that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, was already there and would be with me and guide me as I stepped through that door.

But oh, how easy it is to forget this truth; that there is nowhere and no situation where God is not present.

Mark Allen Powell, in his book *Loving Jesus*, which we used for our evening Bible study last fall and winter, commented how after Jesus was raised from the dead on Easter morning, an angel instructed the women who had come to the tomb, to go and tell the disciples to go to Galilee, and Jesus would be waiting to join them there. One of our Bible study participants shared with me, more than once, how she found comfort and hope in that promise, especially as so much in our world is and continues to be uncertain and unsettled.

So it is my hope for you, that you too find comfort and hope in the promise that no matter the situation you may face—no matter what doors you may have to go through (whether of your own choosing or not)—no matter what paths you may travel—no matter what tasks or choices lay before you—and no matter how difficult the future may seem; remember, God's gone before you and God is already there and no matter where 'there' may be, Jesus promises not only to meet you there, but in truth, to walk with you and guide you all along the way.

Grace and peace on the journey,
Pastor Sheryl

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

August 10, 2020

Nominating Committee: LaDonna Schmidt reporting. Has the list of Council members up for reelection, will be working on who is willing to serve again and any openings that may need to be filled.

Endowment Committee: Pastor Sheryl reported receipt of the final distribution from the Donna Schuneman Estate. It has been invested in the Endowment Fund.

Board/Committee Reports:

Social Ministries: Meeting on Wednesday. God's Work our Hands Sunday: will be doing the backpack filling on September 13th after the service.

Trustees: Moved the black "playground" mulch out of the back and leveled the area; Bill Huelle built a cabinet for the audio equipment in the sanctuary; getting bids for putting a dropped ceiling along the sides of the Sanctuary. Will be reaching out to roofers to get the Sanctuary and shed roofs done before winter.

Worship & Music: Last camera needed was installed today for video/on-line services. Asking for more people for the Media team to run audio and video for the on-line services. Another 3-4 would be great! Did have 65 people attend Alice Shriver's Funeral; could have handled more and still follow Covid-19 guidelines. Will meet next Monday.

Stewards: Were looking at an older video program called "Make it Simple" but now ELCA has decided to redo the videos, so not sure it will be available.

Parish Education: Meeting planned with JAM parents for Wednesday @6:00 to get a feel from the parents how they would like to see Wednesday activities to look this fall. Will probably push the start back a few more weeks until all the school situations settle. The National Youth Gathering for 2021 was postponed to 2022.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$18,689.89 Ending Balance: \$29,006.68 The PPP loan accounts for the increase in cash. Received a check in memory of Betty Madison. To be placed in the Memorial Fund for now. Dennis Gorr suggested a new Advent wreath as a possible use. Jim Dorn moved, Dennis Gorr 2nd to accept the financial report - accepted

Pastor's /Staff Reports: Backpack blessing this coming Sunday. Pastor Sheryl asked for prayers for her mother who is having health challenges. Larry Spomer handled the Alice Shriver funeral.

Old Business:

Fall programs are being looked at. OWLS may not happen, possibly wait until January to start. Women's Bible studies are still on target, one may change the meeting time and location.

Insurance Agent is closing out our policy with our old carrier, need to sign off on the new policy. Transition should happen in the next couple of weeks.

Mary Jo Huelle received an estimate to redo the courtyard, and felt it was too expensive. Has had difficulty getting hold of other ideas. If no one really cares what happens there, should we worry about it?? At this point, suggested we table work on the idea.

Grant has trained Christy, she is doing very well with her new duties.

New Business:

Council workshop has been cancelled for this year.

Council goals: work with the Covid-19 issue; give support to Angie to work with the youth. The drive-by communion is picking up, 16 were reported last Sunday.



Next Council Meeting: September 14, 2020



MEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY will resume on **September 8th at 8:30 a.m.** Please join us in the fellowship hall or on Zoom by giving Christy your email. We will be studying the book of Acts, a study by Warren Wiersbe, Be Dynamic. We would love to have you share an hour of your time with us.

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

Study ^{the} Bible with us



"Vindicating the Vixens" is the title of the book Pastors Sheryl and Chris will be using for their Tuesday evening Bible study this year. 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. If interested, please sign up on the sheet on the credenza between pastors' offices or let the church office know by September 23rd, so we can make sure to order enough copies of the book. The book is also available for your e-reader if you prefer a digital copy.



(Kindergarten-6th Grade)



(7th –12th Grades)

- 9/16 **The Laborers in the Vineyard**
(hot ham/cheese sandwiches/chips/fruit)
- 9/23 **Authority and Actions**
(hot dogs/chips/fruit)
- 9/30 **Jesus, the Cornerstone**
(sloppy joes/chips/pickles)

- 9/20 **Outdoor Picnic & Lake Party @ Wally and Kathy Randall's!**
BBQ, swimming, kayaking, fishing, and fellowship! Come to church prepared to leave after worship or meet us at church at 11:30 a.m. We will be done at 2:30 p.m.

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

We will **not** be meeting in September. We are hoping to be able to plan our first noon fellowship in October. Until then, stay safe & stay healthy!!



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. 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.



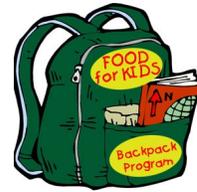
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Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

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2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
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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.

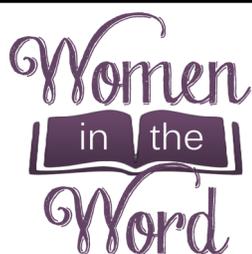
This month's Food Pantry item:
SOUPS

This month's Backpack Program item:
SMALL CEREALS

OCTOBER'S items will be:
CANNED VEGGIES
OATMEAL

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."
John 14:14, NRSV

Our mission project for September 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. Please watch the newsletter for food items needed (this month see the previous page). These items may be placed in containers in the Fellowship Hall entry. Cash donations may be placed in the offering plates. Please be sure to mark WELCA Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



WOMEN'S SEPTEMBER STUDY GROUPS

We begin our September study with Holy Memory: Why we remember, and how God re-members us and the theme verses are 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Luke 22:7-23, Exodus 16:1-3 and Numbers 11:4-6.

Meeting times and places follow:

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, September 2 @ 10:00 a.m. @ Calvary

Esther Circle - Tuesday, September 8 @ 9:00 a.m. @ Ruth Harris'

Priscilla Circle - Monday, September 14 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Calvary Fellowship Hall

Hannah Circle — TBA

All are welcome to join us!

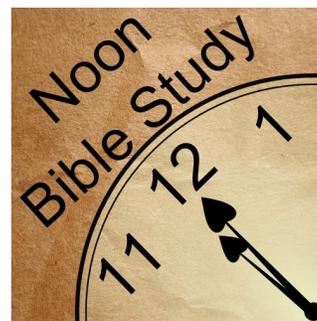
TUESDAY NOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on Tuesday, **September 15** we will start our

Tuesday Noon Bible Study.

Nancy Steele will be facilitating an 8 week study.

Bring your lunch and join us!



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.

Confirmation Classes

Classes will convene each Wednesday evening from **6:00—7:00 p.m. beginning September 16th**. 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.



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.

SHEETS NEEDED!

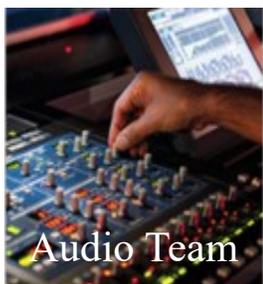
The quilting ladies are in need of sheets. If anyone would like to donate please drop them off in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your generosity!



CARING ONES



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



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!



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.





Prayers for healing: **Dawsyn Buckley** (grandson of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Linda Spomer** (Aortic Valve Replacement), **Judy Lu-
enenborg** (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 of thanksgiving: For the healthy birth of Cécile on August 26 (granddaughter of Bill & Mary Jo Huelle)

Prayers for comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Jay Judd**.

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.



REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR PANHANDLE CO-OP RECEIPTS

Please continue to save those Co-Op receipts and drop them in the box outside Pastor Chris’ office. Proceeds for these receipts will benefit the Scottsbluff/Gering CatPack and PupPack programs.

\$10,000 in receipts = \$1,000 for the program.

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

Happy Birthday

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| Jackson Hinze | 9/1 | Jacob Aguallo | 9/15 |
| Brian Johnston | 9/1 | Clare Schlothauer | 9/19 |
| Myron Loseke | 9/2 | Austin Martin | 9/21 |
| Kierra Miller | 9/4 | Ryan Foote | 9/21 |
| Hunter Miller | 9/4 | Ayden Tompkins | 9/23 |
| Olivia Michael | 9/5 | Merrick Walsh | 9/23 |
| Kent Holub | 9/7 | Shirley Blehm | 9/24 |
| Sydney Hinze | 9/11 | Chris Thomas | 9/25 |
| Jackie Gregory | 9/11 | Spencer Blumenkamp | 9/30 |
| Hunter Christeleit | 9/12 | Angie Hinze | 9/30 |
| Aaron Martin | 9/13 | Susan Martin | 9/30 |
| Angie Aguallo | 9/13 | | |



**Mark Your Calendars:
2020 CROP Walk**

The 2020 CROP Walk will be on Sunday, Oct. 11th @ 2 p.m. Each year we join with other area churches to walk to raise money to fight hunger in our world and nation. Plan now to join us in this fight—either as a walker or by sponsoring a walker.

Watch for more information in next month’s newsletter and upcoming bulletins.



Thinking about stewardship

Take out your wallet, keys, checkbook, cell phone, and calendar (if you have them with you). Your wallet is the tool you use to obtain things and to show people who you are, the keys protect that which you deem valuable, the checkbook symbolizes what you value spending money on, your cell phone is about accessibility, and your calendar is a sign of where you commit your time. Which of these reflect the great storms in your life right now (the places that feel beyond your control)?

Certainly, we are in a place that feels beyond our control, Covid-19 just won't go away, though in some ways it is lessening in intensity and numbers—at least when I wrote this article! Like the disciples in Mark 4, we are in the midst of an incredible storm in which we may find ourselves crying out to God, "Don't you care that we are drowning".

Thank you!

To my Calvary family,

Thank you for your continued support in my college journey! Thank you so much for the gracious scholarship. This semester it will go towards some of the hardest classes I will take, and towards covering the credits for my internship at Southlake Village in Lincoln as a CNA. Again, thank you for your continued support!!

Kaetlyn Todd

Thank you

Thank you Pastor Chris, for your message and Calvary friends for your out pouring of sympathy at the loss of our husband and father. We so appreciate your kindness,

Donna, Colleen and Phil



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
Thank you for all the beautiful cards, kind words, phone calls and all the prayers that went up on my behalf.

IT WORKED!!

I went from 20% function to 70%.

Linda

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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Worship videos and bulletins as well as the "Taking Faith Home" inserts are all available on our website.

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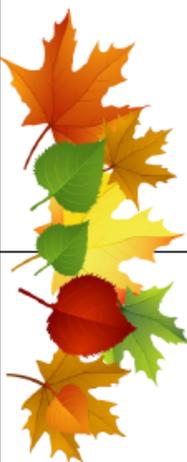
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| 6 10:00am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion | 7 Office Closed  | 8 8:30am-Men's Study(Zoom) 9:00am-Esther Circle @ Ruth Harris' 1pm-Quitting | 9 11:30am-Exec Comm. 7pm-Confirmation Parents Mtg | 10 | 11 11 | 12 5:30pm-Worship | |
| 13 10:00am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion 11am-God's Work, Our Hands Sunday | 14 2pm-Priscilla Circle @ Calvary's Fellowship Hall 6pm-Council Mtg | 15 8:30am-Men's Study(Zoom) 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quitting | 16 5:30pm-Social Ministry 6pm-JAM Kickoff 6pm-Confirmation 7pm-Parish Ed | 17 1:30pm-Parkinson's Support | 18 18 | 19 8am-Trustees 5:30pm-Worship | |
| 20 10:00am-Worship 10:45-11:15am-Drive-Up Communion 11:30am-EPIC at Randall's' | 21 5:00pm-Elders 6pm-Worship/Music 6pm-Stewards | 22 8:30am-Men's Study(Zoom) 12pm-Women's Study 1pm-Quitting | 23 6pm-JAM 6pm-Confirmation | 24 | 25  | 26 5:30pm-Worship | |
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WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 2020

| DATE | TIME | USHERS | LAY READERS | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | POWERPOINT | MEDIA | ALTAR GUILD |
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| September 6 Traditional Service | 10:00 a.m. | LaDonna Schmidt Vicki Howell | Dennis Gorr | Bill Huelle | Matt Payne | Jeff Van Patten | Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh |
| September 13 Celebrate Service | 10:00 a.m. | Deb Brown Jack Martin | Susan Martin | Dennis Gorr | Andi Dorn | Maunette Loeks-Van Patten | Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele |
| September 20 Traditional Service | 10:00 a.m. | Kent & Dawn Holub | Marti Wegelin | Bill Huelle | Shawna Payne | Jeff Van Patten | Andi Dorn Carmen Kleager Shelly Koehler Jessica Laughlin |
| September 27 Celebrate Service | 10:00 a.m. | Chris & Barb Jensen | Kathy Randall | Dennis Gorr | Mary Jo Huella | Maunette Loeks-Van Patten | Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh |
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If you are unable to serve,

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





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God's work. Our hands.

*He changes times and seasons;
He removes kings and sets up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise and
knowledge to those who have
understanding.*

Daniel 2:21

