

Tidings 2021



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 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 outside the fellowship hall. Start collecting now and take advantage of 'Back to School' sales!!!

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- 4--70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 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 (no standard backpacks) (Can be made by hand, go to the LWR website for instructions.)



Celebrate Generosity
Event & Ice Cream
Social
September 12



Join us September 12 for our first ever Celebrate Generosity Event starting at 9 a.m., worship service at 10 a.m. and then following worship we will be having an ice cream social hosted by the Council.



Earlier this summer I was having issues with low back pain that was radiating down into my glutes. Not bad enough to go see the doctor honestly, but bad enough that when my insurance company announced a virtual physical therapy program that was available to us for free, I decided to give it a try.



It began with a video consultation to determine the exact nature of the pain, etc. and then they sent me a tablet with my therapy sessions and some motion sensors that I strap on to my legs and chest. When I do an exercise, I get up to 5 stars for each exercise based on how good my range of motion is, how many repetitions I do correctly. Chris' comment the first time he saw me do a session was it reminded him of a video game. Which it kind of does! All in all it's pretty cool, EXCEPT that whenever I

forget to keep my leg straight or bend too far forward or lose my balance, I get this 'INCORRECT MOVEMENT' message! And I don't get my stars! And I don't get a 'do over'!

In other words, there is no grace! Which I have found extremely irritating, even maddening! And in some ways, I find it a disincentive. As in, after I mess up and get the 'incorrect movement' message, I feel like giving up, after all, what's the point, I'm not going to get all my stars now anyway!

Which got me to thinking about how different my experience with the virtual therapist is from my experience of God. As the psalmist writes, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to an-



ger and abounding in steadfast love." (Psalm 103:8) In other words, when we mess up, God is gracious, which means that we get another chance—we get a 'do over', often many 'do overs'. That's the way God works. Think about the people in the Bible. It wasn't that they were perfect—far from it, in fact. They were human, just like you and I. They lied and cheated, lost their temper, turned away from God, had broken relationships, sometimes struggled to trust God especially when times got rough. But God doesn't give up on them. God doesn't give up on us. He doesn't say, 'sorry, incorrect movement!' without any chance to try again. Rather, God says, "incorrect movement' but I forgive you and here, let me help you get back up and try again!" That's grace!

It's not that God doesn't take our sin seriously. He does. He took it so seriously that he sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. But God knew/knows that we will never be able to follow him perfectly, so he gives us a way, through Jesus, to put the 'incorrect movements' of our lives behind us (forgiveness) so that we might start anew. That's grace!

Thank you, God, that we are not bound by the 'incorrect movements' of our lives. Thank you that you give us grace after grace after grace!

Pastor Sheryl



3rd, 6th & 7th Grade BIBLE PRESENTATIONS SUNDAY September 12th

Come celebrate with us as our third, sixth and seventh graders receive their Bibles during worship.

Confirmation Classes

Classes will convene each Wednesday evening from 5:30—6:30 p.m. beginning September 8th.

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.





(Kindergarten-6th Grade)

Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm

- 9/8 Peter Calls Jesus the Messiah (hot ham/cheese sandwiches/chips/dessert)
- 9/15 A Lesson About Greatness (sloppy joes/chips/pickles/dessert)
- 9/22 More About Following Jesus (taco salad/dessert)
- 9/29 Importance of Relationships (hot dogs/chips/fruit/dessert)



(7th –12th Grades)
Epic Fall Kickoff Gathering
Sunday, September 12
12pm-2pm

Wally & Kathy Randall's Lake
Join us for a fun afternoon of swimming,
boating, fishing, and fellowship!
We will play in the water, grill hot dogs,
and have a devotion. Bring a friend!
Questions? Call/text Angie at 631-2768



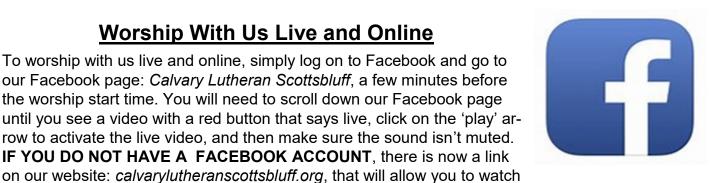
First Communion Class in October

Parents: if you have a child who is not yet receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion and is interested in doing so, we are planning a First Communion class in October (exact date still to be decided). 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.

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



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.

Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

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

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- 1. Go to your device's App Store.
- 2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
- 3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
- 4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.





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**



Women ELCA

September Mission Project

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 The gift of the Spirit: A divine wild goose chase. The theme verses are John 14:26 and 1 Corinthians 12:7.

Meeting times and places follow:

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, September 1 @ 10:00 a.m. @ Calvary Education Wing Esther Circle - Tuesday, September 7 @ 9:00 a.m. @ Ruth Harris' Priscilla Circle - Monday, September 13 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Calvary Fellowship Hall Hannah Circle—Monday, September 13 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Calvary Education Wing

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

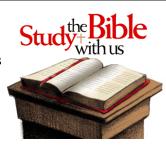
will resume on **September 14th at 8:30 a.m.** Please join us in the fellowship hall. A study on Paul's



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 begins Sept. 7th @ 7 p.m.

Join us on Tuesday evenings @ 7 p.m. 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..." Join us in the fellowship hall or on Zoom by giving Christy your email. If you would like the church to order you a book, please put your name on the sign up sheet outside the office or you may purchase it yourself or download it to your favorite e-reader.



Sing Praise to the Lord!

Calvary's Choir practice will be starting on Wednesday, Sept.1st at 7pm in the Choir Loft. If you love to sing God's Praise, you are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there! Questions? Call Becky Martin at 436-3993.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

OWLS will be meeting September 1st. Come enjoy hot ham & cheese sandwiches, chips & dessert. Then stay for fellowship & Bible games in the Fellowship Hall! Come join us for a fun afternoon!





Looking for a Laundry Love Coordinator. 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 find someone who would be willing to commit to being the coordinator of this event. If interested or if you have questions, please talk to Pastor Sheryl.



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

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.

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.





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!



Interested in Becoming a Member of Calvary?

Or have questions about becoming a member? Please talk to either Pastor Chris or Pastor Sheryl.



Media

Team

To my Calvary family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship.
It will definitely come in handy as I
begin my education at Hastings
College. I really appreciate the church's
support over the years. Thank you
again.

God Bless Emma Foote



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There is a possible Habitat for Humanity Work Day
On Saturday morning, September 11th
Depending on how much work gets completed before then.
If interested, watch for an email the week before.





<u>Prayers for healing</u>: 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), Kate West (Healing—Deb Brown's step daughter), 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 & Cathy 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 comfort and peace for: Family and friends of Bill Steele.

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

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

Happy Birthday

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 Blomenkamp	9/30
Hunter Christeleit	9/12	Angie Hinze	9/30
Aaron Martin	9/13	Susan Martin	9/30
Angie Aguallo	9/13		



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.



Mark Your Calendars: 2021 CROP Walk

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



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).



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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WEBSITE

www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org

FIND US ONLINE!!!!

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

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







WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 2021

September 26 Celebrate Service	September 19 Traditional Service	September 12 Celebrate Service	September 5 Traditional Service	DATE
10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	TIME
LaDonna Schmidt Vicki Howell	Dennis & Barb Gorr	Kent & Dawn Holub	Deb Brown Jack Martin	USHERS
Kathy Randall	Shari Copsey	Angie Hinze	Marti Wegelin	LAY READERS
Dennis Gorr	Barb Jensen	Dennis Gorr	Shari Copsey	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
Shawna Payne Katie Hess	Mary Jo Huelle Draven Bowman	Matt Payne Merrick Walsh	Andi Dorn Andrew Miller	POWERPOINT ACOLYTES
Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Chris Jensen	Maunette Loeks-Van Patten	Jeff Van Patten	MEDIA
Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey	Abby Newsom Maunette Loeks-Van Patten Barb Jensen Nannie Walsh	Andi Dorn Shelly Koehler	Deb Brown Vicki Howell Tracy Steele Shari Copsey	ALTAR GUILD



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

