



CALVARY CALLING

News that serves and ignites people for Christ

May 2022



April was a celebratory month at Calvary! It was amazing to see so many faces that we haven't seen in awhile at Easter services. Saying, "ALLELUIA" with so many of you in the pews for worship was a true reminder of what we have missed so much in these pandemic years. If you haven't been back for a while, there's a place for you at Calvary - always.

We wanted to say a special "THANK YOU" to all of the amazing volunteers who put in the effort to make Holy Week and Easter services at Calvary amazing. From confirmation students who served communion on Good Friday (and all Lent long), to those who changed light bulbs in the Sanctuary, volunteers who set up communion, readers, ushers, greeters, and the confirmation students who baked the bread for the Good Friday services! We even had sound technicians, builders, and electricians working special hours to make sure we had the balcony construction completed so we could utilize the sound system for Holy Week and Easter Sunday in the Sanctuary. Calvary is a true place of teamwork!



A NOTE FROM PASTOR KIRK



OK, so Spring didn't actually arrive on my timetable. I'm convinced this winter is desperately trying to be "treasured" for generations to come. Of course 1997 has the trophy, but come on! Easter Sunday looked like it got shuffled to February! And as I write this on April 20, the only hope I see for Spring (as far as weather goes) is May. Can I get an AMEN?!

However, our only hope, as God people, isn't defined by the weather right? Calvary's worship life, the center of our hope, especially since Ash Wednesday, was like a tulip growing underneath the snow on the east side of our congregation's building – looking as fragile as a dandelion in a crack in the middle of an eight lane highway, yet poking up dark green with chilly hope for longer, warmer Spring days.

And now, throughout the month of May, we celebrate the fifty days of Easter. The growth continues! What growth? How about an even better relationship with the Lewis and Clark Elementary School? Maybe a stronger financial commitment Lutheran Disaster Response for the victims of the war in Ukraine? A doubling down of our giving to feed children in Honduras via our rummage sale (May 9-14)? A long shot attempt to reconcile with our neighbors or family members who have hurt or ignored us? A new found appreciation for God's proximity to our hurts and our prayer lives that at times seems to be on life support?

Yep, Easter changes everything. Christ is alive and currently breathing down our necks for all the right reasons. The Holy Spirit may not be as obvious as the nose on my face but it is as precious and lively as your closest friend. Just imagine!

Read these words from Sundays and Seasons, a worship resource for the ELCA:

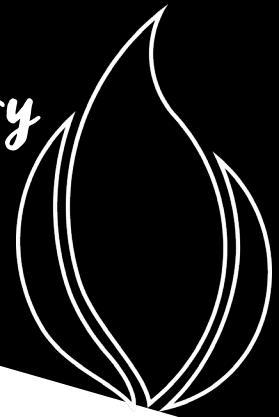
In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

As we ease (ever so slowly) into the season of Spring in the Grand Forks area, we rightfully look for opportunities to "get away." Boy, I get that! Now imagine this: rain or shine, in season and out, God faithfully calls us to be a community of Jesus – in Grand Forks, at the lake, on our vacations and everywhere inbetween.

God bless you this gorgeous month people of Calvary Lutheran! Continue as God's Easter people to pray for our congregation, the world and all who are in need.

Pastor Kirk

Calvary CONNECTS



GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



CALLING ALL PIE MAKERS

Sunday, May 15

There will be a pie auction in the Narthex on May 15 to raise money for Lutheran Disaster Response in Ukraine. Sign up to bake a pie in the church office! We will also be auctioning off three whip cream pies to eventually end up in the faces of our three awesome pastors!

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

Join us May 21 @ 10:00 am

- Patterns available
- Learn about prayer shawl ministry
- Come and work on your own projects
- Learners always welcome--supplies and patient teachers available!

SEWING CLUB

May 5 & 19 @ 1:30 pm

Meets the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Library. This is open to all women who want to bring their "handiwork" for an afternoon of fellowship and sewing.

QUILTING DAY & POTLUCK

May 31 @ 9:30 am

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Quilting Day on the last Tuesday of the month. Potluck lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. Come for an hour or two or the day!

HOLY HAPPY HOUR

May 24 @ 4:30 pm

Join us Thursday from 4:30-7:00 pm at The Other Half for Holy Happy Hour. Join Pastor Ivy for company and conversation in a relaxed atmosphere. Come for ten minutes or stay the whole time. Let's go out in the town and see what God is up to!

FOUNDATION GRANT LAST CALL!

Due May 4 @ 4:00 pm

Calvary's Foundation provides perpetual financial support to further Calvary's mission of serving and igniting people for Christ both locally and worldwide. Application forms, information and tax information about giving to the Foundation can be found on the Calvary website.

UNFORGETTABLES CONCERT

May 4 @ 11:00 a.m.

The Unforgettables Choir will present a Spring Concert for the community on Wednesday, May 4, at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served following the concert for a free will donation. The Unforgettables Choir is a community chorus for people living with Alzheimer's or other types of Dementia and a care partner.

All are welcome. The event is free.

For details or more information about the Unforgettables, reach out to Mary Ann through the church office.

GOD TALK ON TAP

May 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

Adults ages 21-40! You are invited to join us and the other ELCA churches in town for another month of God Talk on Tap at Half Brothers in downtown Grand Forks. Meet us for conversation around life and faith and everything in between. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Aaron.

FUNERAL LUNCH COORDINATORS

Volunteer today!

Volunteers are needed to coordinate funeral lunches. On the job training is provided and there is no cooking! Your name gets added to a list of others so you won't coordinate every funeral. Contact the office for details and sign up.



HONDURAS RUMMAGE SALE

All the details you need to participate!

DONATIONS

It is rummage sale time at Calvary! The Honduras Rummage sale will take place on Saturday May 14, 2022. Donations can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall starting at noon on Sunday May 8 and closing at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 11; this allows time for organizing and pricing of items. As a reminder, clothing should be clean and gently used! Evening pick ups on larger items will be available.

RUMMAGE SALE HOURS

7:00-8:00 a.m.-\$3 Early Bird Special (pay \$3 and get in an hour early)

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Regular Sale

Half Price Sale and clothing bag sale to follow the regular sale.

VOLUNTEER

Please consider volunteering your time to this week long Calvary event. There will not be a team traveling to Honduras this year for several reasons, your help would be greatly appreciated. Volunteer as a family or with a group of friends, there are laughs to be had! Sign up at calvarygf.org.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Lewis & Clark Partnership

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"It takes a village to raise a child" is a popular proverb with a clear message: the whole community has an essential role to play in the growth and development of its young people. Here at Calvary, we have joined our neighborhood school, Lewis and Clark, in a partnership to help meet the needs of children and teacher. Lewis and Clark Elementary is a part of our village.

WAYS WE HAVE HELPED

We are so excited to partner with Lewis and Clark in a number of ways. We have already identified children who have benefited from our Christmas Angel Tree and the Hat/Mitten Tree. The youth at Calvary have donated money to assist with snacks for hungry children and for transportation to school. During the six weeks of Lent, we have been sponsoring a clothing drive for the children who could use some help at home and also to have on hand if students need a change of clothing at school. Last month at Calvary, we collected noisy offering for this partnership. They had some snack needs and activities sponsorships so all kids have the opportunity to learn and grow outside of the classroom as well. If you would like to donate or learn more head to the Calvary website.

HAPPENING NOW!

This partnership is expanding! The teachers are welcoming members of Calvary to come into their classrooms to read to their children weekly. There are opportunities in the morning and afternoon. If you would like to read to a classroom at Lewis and Clark or would like more information,

call Julie in the church office (701-772-4897) and we will find a spot for you.



MAIN OFFICE

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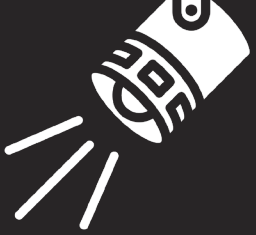
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Mon - Thurs | 8:00am - 4:30pm

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Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

This is the call and response that echoed through our worship spaces on Easter morning, and as we find ourselves continuing through the season of Easter for several more weeks, we know that the promise of the risen Lord has been fulfilled, and yet we still long for more.

The eggs have been found, the meals have been enjoyed, families have all returned to their own homes and lives, and we find ourselves back in the routine we so often find ourselves.

For some of us, the season of Easter is a blessed one, filled with spring flowers, new beginnings and hopeful anticipation.

For others, now that the celebration has ended, it feels hard to keep up the appearance. We just want to know how the good news we hear on Easter morning can possibly still be good news today. We find ourselves like so many others in those days and weeks following the first Easter wondering, what comes next? To answer this question, we turn to the end, which points us to what's next.

For the second Sunday in Easter, our lectionary turns us to the book of Revelation, a book of the Bible most often avoided for fear of its dark and confusing images and metaphors. But so much of this particular book is beautiful imagery and a reminder of God's presence in the world.

Revelation means "to make known." What is being made known is God's constant and ever loving presence in the world, and our own lives. Revelation 1:4 says, "Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come..." This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ and the good news for us all this Easter season. Wherever we find ourselves this spring, through excitement, new possibilities, grief, loss, uncertainty, or any other emotion we know that Jesus Christ has been through it, is still going through it with us, and will always accompany us in our lives. The resurrection promise was what the disciples were waiting for in those days after the crucifixion. And the promise was fulfilled. We in this day are waiting for the resurrection promise to be fulfilled again, and we know that in our waiting, we have a God who is, who was and who is still to come.

***Let us pray,
God of love, the empty tomb has been our destination all this time.
But we see, with Mary Magdalene, that this is not a place to stop.
This is not the end toward which we have been traveling.
This is the beginning.
Amen.***



OFFERINGS



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|---------|-----------|
| 3/20/22 | 10,268.90 |
| 3/27/22 | 14,644.00 |
| 4/3/22 | 9,727.90 |
| 4/10/22 | 8,531.40 |

BUDGET/LOAN



2022 Budget 1,174,369

Offerings through 4/13/22 229,789

Expenses through 4/13/22 323,289

Balance of Building Expansion Loan

as of April 30, 2022 686,702.97

MEMORIALS

BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

In memory of **Kent Peterson** by Lowell and Arlette Stanlake

GENERAL

In memory of **Alf and Cleone Strinden** by Barbara Strinden Byars

LIBRARY

In memory of **Jerry Bakke** by Kathleen McCue

In memory of **Helen Infeld** by Kathleen McCue

SENIOR CHOIR FUND

In memory of **Helen Thompson** by Budd and Nona Wennersten

FOUNDATION

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PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Jon Souser whose brother, Christopher Souser, died March 2.

The family of Carol Tweten, who died April 14.

Bill McCoy whose brother, Tim McCoy, died April 20.

FUND BALANCES

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Youth | 80,966.16 |
| Honduras Mission | 2,778.42 |
| Foundation | 810,116.46 |
| Good Sam | 149.50 |
| Refugee | 5,994.87 |
| Campership | 2,429.97 |
| Music | 5,617.72 |
| Library | 2,958.57 |
| Undesignated Memorials | 42,633.44 |
| Landscaping | 6.98 |
| Contemporary Worship | 10.14 |
| Education | 2,154.33 |
| Fine Arts | 2,201.28 |
| Missions | 29,046.99 |
| Memory Café | 6,003.17 |
| Unforgettables Choir | 5,022.12 |
| Prayer Chain | 12,618.50 |
| LaGrave on First | 0.00 |
| Hymnal & Bible Fund | 1,478.75 |
| Coffee Shop | (1,546.16) |
| Columbarium | 28,670.98 |
| Stephen Ministry | 1,033.75 |
| Operation Technology | 5,979.29 |
| Organ/Piano | 722.45 |
| General Maintenance | 2,293.86 |
| Sanctuary Projector/Screen | 566.91 |
| Hearing Aid Loop | 4,137.00 |
| Furnace | 0.00 |
| Carpet | 0.00 |
| Building Expansion | 295,614.80 |
| Seminary | 1,703.95 |

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CALVARY STAFF

Pastors: Kirk Meseck, Ivy Schulz, Aaron Bye
Reception: Cathy Bubb
Finance: Heather Vandervort
Parish Nurse: Mary Ann Devig
Communications : Meghan Olson
Education: Nichole Bye
Youth: Morgan Olson
Congregational Life: Julie Pedersen
Tech Coordinator: Marcus Vivier
Building: Danny Navarro



**SUMMER
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Begins May 29

**9:00 am - Sanctuary
Traditional Worship**

**10:30 am - Fellowship Hall
Contemporary Worship**

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Youth and CONFIRMATION

CAMP 2022

CAMPERSHIPS

- Calvary offers a campership of \$100 per student when they attend ELCA Bible Camps.
- Park River Bible Camp (code is CLC2022 when registering)

CONFIRMATION CAMP

6-8th graders are invited to travel to Camp Metigoshe with Morgan and Pastor Aaron! We will take in all that Camp Metigoshe has to offer while also getting some time to talk about faith and the Lutheran Church.

June 26-July 1

MAY 2022

Upcoming Confirmation Classes

May 1-22 | Sundays 10:30-11:30 AM
Bible Basics

May 2-9 | Mondays 6:00-7:00 PM
Beneath the Threshold

May 4-25 | Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM
Seven Habits
Bible Basics
Creeds & Commandments
Sacraments & Lord's Prayer

May 4-25 | Wednesdays 8:00-9:00 PM
Spark

May 31 | Tuesday 4:00-7:00 PM
Mentor Event

RISE & SHINE

Fridays @ 6:30 am (NEW DAY)

High Schoolers! Come to Holy Grounds for breakfast, coffee and a Bible study before school! We will start our day with food, faith and fellowship. Contact Morgan for more information through the church office.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-9

Vacation Bible School is around the corner! We are so excited to invite you along for a week of Food Truck Fun, On A Roll With God! Mark your calendars - June 6-9. Registration opens soon!





PALM SUNDAY KIDS CHOIR

What a festive way to kick off Holy week! The 9:15 Sunday school kids sang in the Sanctuary and the 10:30 Sunday school kids sang in the Fellowship Hall. We waved our palms high in the air and sang “Ride on Jesus, Ride!” A big THANK YOU to Julie Pederson for being our musician and helping the kids learn the song!

FIFTH GRADE COMMUNION

Fifth graders and their families gathered for a Communion celebration class and interactive worship service on Maundy-Thursday. We explored how communion connects us to God’s love and to each other. What a special night for families to break bread together!



TODDLER TIME

May 7

Come for a playdate with you toddler! Saturday, May 7 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for music, storytime, bubbles, playtime and a snack!

IMPORTANT DATES

May 15 | Last day of Sunday School

May 18 | Last day of Wednesday School

June 2 | Donut Day (Drive thru donuts in the parking lot before the last day of school)



4 WAYS TO Give

TEXT



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ONLINE



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CALVARYGF.ORG

IN WORSHIP



DROP A GIFT IN
THE OFFERING PLATE

MAIL



MAIL A GIFT TO
CALVARY

GROWING OUR GIFTS

A Spirit of Generosity



Whether our blessings to share are the blessings of our time, our talents, or our financial resources, we believe we are called to be generous. We believe the level of our generosity is not measured by how it compares to what others give, but rather by how it compares to what we've been given.

We believe joy is found not in accumulating a great deal, but in giving toward great things. While the blessings may not necessarily be financial ones, we believe God blesses givers.

We believe that scripture teaches us that the church is "a body," and each of us are "members of the body" with particular gifts – and important gifts – that God has given us to serve Christ and the needs of the body.

Lastly, we believe God has given us the greatest gift in Jesus. Any giving any of us do is simply a way of saying "Thanks be to God." If you have any questions about memorials, automated giving or giving to the capital campaign, visit calvarygf.org or visit with any of our pastors.

THANK YOU



Calvary spent the entire season of Lent collecting clothing, outerwear and shoes for "It Takes a Village" partnership for Lewis & Clark. A group of Calvary volunteers sorted it all and brought it over to the school this week. Thank you to all who volunteered and donated to this effort!

Calvary Noisy Offering

Sounds of Community Support

January:

VALLEY SR. LIVING CHAPLAINCY

February:

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

March:

CALVARY PAJAMA DRIVE

April:

IT TAKES A VILLAGE: LEWIS & CLARK

May:

LA GRAVE ON FIRST MEAL MINISTRY



THE *Unforgettables* CHOIR

LIVING BETTER WITH DEMENTIA THROUGH SONG

SPRING CONCERT
MAY 4 | 11:00 AM



Mark your calendars!

**HONDURAS
RUMMAGE
SALE**



Collection May 8-11

MAY 14

MAY 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Food Drive Sunday 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Reading Religiously | 2 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Youth Board | 3 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 1:00 pm CLCW 6:00 pm Stewardship Mtg. | 4 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 11:00 am Unforgettables Concert 2:00 pm Maple View Worship 5:30 pm Worship 5:45 pm Wednesday School 6:30 pm Board of Education 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes 8:00 pm Spark | 5 1:30 pm Sewing Club 7:30 pm God Talk On Tap | 6 6:30 am Rise & Shine High School Bible Study Office Closed | 7 10:30 am Toddler Time 7:00 pm Master Choral Concert |
| 8 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Confirmation Class Rummage Sale drop off begins at noon | 9 6:00 pm Confirmation Class | 10 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Council | 11 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 pm Worship 5:45 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes 7:00 pm Rummage Sale drop off ends 8:00 pm Spark | 12 Lutheran World Relief Truck in Grand Forks | 13 6:30 am Rise & Shine High School Bible Study Office Closed | 14 Honduras Rummage Sale 7:00 am Early Bird (\$3) 8:00 Regular Sale |
| 15 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Confirmation Class Pie Fundraiser for LDR Ukraine 8:00 pm ABQ Meeting | 16 | 17 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins | 18 9:30 am Priscilla/Sarah Circle 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 4:00 pm Ruth Circle 5:30 pm Worship 5:45 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes 8:00 pm Spark | 19 1:30 pm Sewing Club | 20 6:30 am Rise & Shine High School Bible Study Office Closed | 21 10:00 am Knit/Crochet |
| 22 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Baccalaureate Worship | 23 | 24 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 4:30 pm Holy Happy Hour | 25 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 pm Worship 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes 8:00 pm Spark | 26 1:30 pm Parkwood Worship | 27 6:30 am Rise & Shine High School Bible Study Office Closed | 28 |
| 29 PAJAMA SUNDAY 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Confirmation Classes | 30 Memorial Day Office Closed | 31 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 9:30 pm Quilting & Potluck 4:00 pm Love Feast Mentor Event @ Zion | | | | |