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# CALVARY CALLING

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February 2019

A note from Pastor Kirk...

This year's theme, "Get on Board!" which began way back in mid-September has proven to be a pretty good one if you ask me. Calvary's Spirit-led mission (reflected in our annual budget) tells me many of us did indeed jump on board with our commitment to be a congregationally owned ministry!

And at this particular time of the year, we indeed jump into a new calendar year for God's sake. The Nominating Committee has done a great job of filling every position on our 2019 Council, and now we are excited about our February 16 council retreat. Besides the obvious agenda items for our retreat, we will also be brainstorming ways to find spaces where worshippers, Sunday School parents/teachers and especially guests can meet. If I were to stick with the train analogy, I'd say I'm hoping for a whistlestop cafe or perhaps a club car... And of course 2019 will be remembered as the year we took on the second half of a pretty big capital campaign together. Some very motivated members have gotten on board as they said yes to positions on our Capital Campaign Committee. In case you are new or are somewhat unaware of why we're raising these funds in the first place, the Fellowship Hall and the remainder of our city block still has a little over a million dollars left on the loan, the new southwest parking lot will be completed this spring and all twelve furnaces are twenty-two years old (installed after the flood). I hope this quells all the rumors that the money is for Pastor Ivy's Caribbean villa...No, In all my years as a pastor, I have never seen a congregational space used as much or as flexibly as our Fellowship Hall. The entire community has benefitted from this labor of love and money.



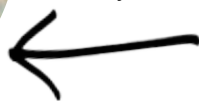
To that end, you will see many pictures of all the activities that this space has accommodated over the past few years. As I have heard many of you say over and over, "What would we do without this incredible space?!"

So as one of the conductors of this Calvary train, I invite you all to step up and celebrate God's train of mercy and love for the sake of the whole world!

*Pastor Kirk*



New council members getting installed in the Fellowship Hall at the Annual Meeting on January 27.



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# OUR RECORD OF PARTICIPATION

## OFFERINGS

<b>12/23/18</b>	<b>78,691.00</b>
<b>12/30/18</b>	<b>45,347.30</b>
<b>1/6/19</b>	<b>17,109.48</b>
<b>1/13/19</b>	<b>15,864.67</b>

**Proposed 2018 Budget -- \$1,083,754**

Offering received through 12/31/18 -- \$989,575  
Expenses through 9/17/18 -- \$987,644

**Proposed 2019 Budget -- \$1,059,264**

Offering received through 1/15/19 -- \$32,974  
Expenses through 1/15/19 -- \$31,293

## **BALANCE OF BUILDING EXPANSION LOAN**

**\$998,734.32**

### Our Prayers & Christian Sympathy To:

Mary Ann Soderberg whose father, Dick Jackson, died on January 16.

The family of Gloria Anderson who died January 26.

Randy Eken whose wife, Janelle Eken, died January 27.

Marian Strom whose brother, James Corcoran, died January 27.

## MEMORIALS & GIFTS

### QUILTING

In memory of Shirley Kvidt by Roswell and Phyllis Ulland, Elizabeth Staveteig, Joel and Carolyn Tangen, Ruth Lunde, Gerry and Kathy Meagher, Michael and Jean Noland, Paul and Lois Helland, Kathy McCue, Carol Anderson, Sharon and Solberg St. Germain, Charles and Marian Gates, Darlene Pokrzywinski, Jerry and Nadine Olson, John Knudson, Gary and Robby Zick, Charles and Colleen Zico, Edith Soli, Duane Meagher, George and Patricia Berg, Lynn Gilbrath, Pierre and Linda Lamoureux, Paul and Lois Gillespie, Dan and Mary Martinson, Cres Compton, Mary and Robert Hanson, Meridee Danks, Marilyn Lundberg, Gregg and Susie Schaefer, John and Teresa Flanagan, Glenna and Bryan Fosse, Perry and Julie Doerfler, Barbara and Paul Nistler, Colleen Dennison, Mark Holm, Todd and Karen Srur, Jerry and Karen Ryan, George and Rachel Hellyer, Eileen Winter, William O'Connel, Anne Van Camp

### GENERAL FUND

In memory of Roland Hensrud by Tim and Val Ritland, Lloyd and Beulah Staveteig, Neil and Judy Hegg

In memory of Larry Nielsen by Mark and Nancy Hadlich, Gregory and Rebecca Horner, Irene Goebel, Barbara Spicer, June Seng, Michael and Donna Gillen, Mary Ann

Whalen, Tom and Kim Cariveau, Allan and Connie Rebsch, Barry and Sharon Peterson, Wade Nielsen

### MUSIC

In memory of Larry Nielsen by Charles and Marian Gates, Einar and Elaine Einarson

In memory of DeAnn Lian by Einar and Elaine Einarson

In memory of Eileen Horpedahl by Keith and Loree Stenejem, Jim and Karen Brower, Scott and Janelle Johnson, Ron and Mari Nyberg, Alan and Erica Sundby, Cheryl Vreeland, Terri Knoke, Jerry and Cindy Cochran

### GOOD SAM

In memory of Eileen Horpedahl by Cec Kvande,

In memory of Larry Nielsen by H. Donald Heier

### *Look for memorials in the September Calvary Calling*

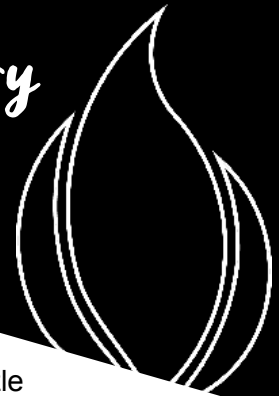
#### FUNDS AS OF AUGUST 2018

	September
Youth	53,595.61
Honduras Mission	35,065.39
Family Mission	497.22
Good Sam	4,911.66
Altar Guild	3,015.78
Refugee	5,994.87
Pastor's Cont Ed	3,727.13
Campership	1,921.08
Music	5,375.41
Library	2,381.26
Lutheran College	0
Undesignated Memorials	633.44
Landscaping	873.71
Contemporary Worship	1,348.8
Education	10,575.25
Fine Arts	1,296.28
Program Development	97.18
Missions	37,202.61
Unforgettables Choir	3,665.52
Prayer Chain	7,447.73
Hymnal & Bible Fund	116.75
Adoption Awareness	1,723.85
Coffee Shop	860.52
Columbarium	13,962.25
Support Services	12,486.23
Stephen Ministry	863.75
Operation Technology	7,445.41
Organ/Piano	1,612.07
General Maintenance	2,033.73
Seminary	3296.0
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	519.10
Building Expansion	151,175
Narthex Sound System	600

# Calvary CONNECTS

## Get Involved

Connect with your church family!



### **CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

**February 5**

Join us the first Tuesday of the month for a pastor-led Bible study. A program will follow called, "Chair Yoga" with Renae Johnson from the Grand Forks Senior Center at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

### **PUZZLE SWAP**

Love puzzles? Look for a puzzle exchange basket in the Narthex. Bring a puzzle from home that you are finished with and grab a new one to try. "Arrange whatever pieces come your way" (Virginia Woolf).

### **KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP**

**February 16 @ 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**

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

### **QUILTING DAY & POTLUCK**

**February 26 @ 9:30 a.m.**

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!

### **SEWING CLUB**

**February 7 & 21@ 1:30 p.m.**

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.

### **MEMORY CAFE**

**February 12 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Join us in February for the Memory Cafe in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. with Nancy Joyner, RN, talking about Advanced Care Planning. Information about completing an Advanced Care Plan as well as forms will be available. Refreshments will be served following the program. All are welcome and the event is free.

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

We all experience challenges in life - times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are available to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. Contact Mary Ann at 772-4897 if you are interested in having a Stephen Minister.

### **THE UNFORGETTABLES CHOIR**

The Unforgettables Choir is a community chorus for people who are living with Alzheimer's Disease or a related Dementia and a care partner. We rehearse weekly on Wednesday from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. There is still time to join the choir this semester!

### **FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY**

**February 3**

The first Sunday of each month Calvary hosts a food drive. Consider picking up a few extra items at the grocery store and bring them to church with you! There are shopping carts available on both ends of the building, or you can bring food to the office. Ideas include:

- nonperishable canned fruits and vegetables
- peanut butter and granola bars
- soup, macaroni, spaghetti, rice, pasta

Recent studies have shown that singing together improves memory and mood, increases focus and verbal skills, and lessens depression and feelings of isolation. Persons with Dementia and their care partners can experience joy, love, understanding and meaning through music as well as meet new people and develop friendships with others who are living with Dementia.

## COMING SOON TO CALVARY

Join the fun, fellowship and worship!

### FAMILY DANCE

**February 8 @ 6:00 pm**

Let's GLOW dancing! Calvary Lutheran invites families of all kinds to share a special night of fun together at our Family Dance. Dinner, dance, photo booth and fun for all! Mom/son, dad/daughter, mom/daughter, dad/son — or any caring adult with kids who want to join in the fun of food, fellowship and dancing!

Friday, February 8, in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

This year's theme is all about GLOWING! We invite everyone to wear neon colors or white to see how you can GLOW!

Register today at [calvarygf.org](http://calvarygf.org).



### LOOKING AHEAD: PILLOWCASE DRESS MISSION PROJECT

**March 21 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Join us January 10 at 9:00 a.m. at Calvary. Bring your sewing machine if possible. This is an easy sewing project! We also need volunteers to sew on buttons, press seams and cut fabric. We are collecting donations of colorful fabrics, pillowcases, buttons, thread, and trim such as lace and rickrack. Please bring your items to the church office before March 17. Thank you!

### LENT AT CALVARY

Although we have some time before Lent begins we wanted to let you know we have been planning and getting ready to experience the season together! We will once again be using the beloved *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy.

### ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

**Worship in the Sanctuary – 5:30 & 7:00 pm**

*A reflective, family-friendly service with cantors leading us in song. Kids of all ages are encouraged to attend, and they will receive a special gift at kids' time.*

### LENTEN DINNERS

**Come and support the Calvary youth as they fundraise for their summer mission trip!**

**Dinner in the Fellowship Hall – 5:00-6:45 pm.**

Fast passes will be for sale in advance or you can purchase a pass at the door.

2019 lenten meal menu:

Week 1: Poppyseed Chicken

Week 2: Nacho Bar

Week 3: French Toast Bake, Eggs, Sausage

Week 4: Tatertot Hotdish

Week 5: Hot Ham & Cheese

Week 6: Lasagna

### LOOKING AHEAD: EASTER SCHEDULE

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

**Worship in the Sanctuary – 6:15 pm.**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

**Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall – 6:15 pm.**

**Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary – 6:15 pm.**

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary – 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am.**

**Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall – 9:00 & 10:30 am.**



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# Highlights of the CHURCH COUNCIL

January 2019



## **Treasurer's Report**

Income in December was 4% or \$8,500 lower when comparing with the prior year. Calvary's December gifts helped finish the year strong and in a good position to begin 2019.

December's noisy offering benefited the Angel Tree at Calvary with a total of \$2,400. There were many exciting events that happened at Calvary in December. Calvary as a church manned all of the sites on December 1 for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign. A Calvary Advent Festival and a concert by the Thursday Music Club was held on December 2. Confirmation students once again had the opportunity to visit Calvary members and bring treats to brighten their day through their Christmas Cheer event.

Year-to-date income through December was \$48,000 higher when looking at the five-year average or \$23,000 higher when compared with the prior year. Year-to-date expenses were \$25,000 higher than the five-year average or \$20,000 higher when comparing to the prior year. Calvary ended the year in the positive, which is the goal we as members are challenged to each year. As we look to the future, please continue to pray for the members of Calvary to continue to make the conscious effort to support Calvary in the ways in which they are called to be members.

## **Council Business**

The council approved the 2019 budget which will be presented at the annual meeting on January 27 and voted on. The budget has a proposed 3% total increase which includes a 3% increase in staff salaries. Staff has not had an increase in the previous two years. A huge thank you to Brian Harris for serving as our Council President this past year.

## **Officers and Ministry Teams**

Sunday School resumes on January 6. A 10th grade Mentor Event (bowling) is also scheduled for January 6. Wednesday School and Confirmation resumes on January 9. The Christian Education Team is meeting on January 14. Plans are set for the city-wide confirmation event on January 23. New Member Orientation will be held January 20. The Worship Team meeting is set for January 22 and the hymn team meeting is set for January 27. The Parish Fellowship Team is assisting Nichole in the planning of the family dance which is set for February 8. Pastor Kirk reported he will meeting with the members of our Capital Campaign Committee this week. Overall, Calvary has much to celebrate as we now turn our attention to 2019.

Sumbitted by council secretary,  
Cris Johnson

# FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> Food Drive Sunday 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Honduras Team Mtg.	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm Young Adult Dinner	<b>5</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 1:00 pm Church Women 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 10:00 am Unforgettables Choir 2:00 pm Maple View Worship 5:30 pm Wednesday School & Worship 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Ignite	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Morning for Moms 1:30 pm Sewing Club	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm Family Dance	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Pre-marriage class
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