

CALVARY CALLING

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Calvary Updates

This is a forum to find out what's happening at Calvary. Our church is a living, breathing place. Take some time to read about the body that is Calvary so we can tell each other and the community our story, who we are, what we care about and what we believe.

In These Pages...

Calvary is a big church with a lot going on! That means many ways to connect with your church family- worship events, education opportunities for all ages, classes, groups, and activities.

There is something for everyone...take a look!

March 2019

Last month at Calvary...

At the tail end of January, Calvary welcomed Jacqueline Bussie to speak about her new book, *Love Without Limits*. People of all ages braved the cold to come and meet her and hear her speak about how to love like Jesus.



February 8 Calvary hosted its annual Family Dance in the Fellowship Hall. Families of all kinds enjoyed a night of games, dinner, dancing and FUN! With a glowing theme kids got to wear bright colors and glow sticks to see how they could shine. It was GLOW much fun.



The Honduras mission team was commissioned in worship on February 17 and packed their bags after worship! We will be looking forward to hearing about their journey and experiences when they return.



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR IVY

"Spring and Jesus are coming!"



Well hello there!

Here we are - the beginning of Lent. I am really looking forward to being part of doing Lent BIG at Calvary. Our theme is "Searching". We are searching for things like peace, time, identity, healing, unity, and spirit. Lent is a time of reflection and wondering and hoping and we will do all of these things around each of those themes. Each week as we gather, we will search for the topics together and ask for each other's help. For now, however, I'm searching for people to join us in searching. I'm wondering if you could help me?

I also feel as though I need to name that this has been a long, hard season of winter for many reasons and they're more than just the weather. From many funerals to many winter storms, from cloudy days to cold, frigid sunshiny days, we have had to be hearty, resourceful and strong. It can get tiring. Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), and just plain old frustration with the weather have been the topic of many discussions that I have had recently. And this is where the pastor in me wishes to remind us that we, dear friends, are people of the resurrection! We know that after death comes life; after cold comes warmth; after clouds comes sunshine. It is beautiful to me that this year Jesus will rise in a season that (usually) feels like actual spring in North Dakota and Minnesota. It is beautiful to me that this year, Easter will be full of colorful, green landscape and less of what has us buried - literally and figuratively. It is beautiful to me that no matter what winter or darkness we experience in our lives that Jesus has conquered it all. Yes, we are moving into Lent and Jesus has not risen 'yet'. But we know that it is coming and so the cold, loneliness, and cabin fever will no longer have power over us because Jesus is coming and when he does we will proclaim "Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

Calvary, spring is coming. We have much to hope for. And yet, warmer weather is the least of what we have to celebrate. We will search and then discover what is in the tomb - or rather, what is not!

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor Ivy

CONNECTS

GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WOMEN

March 5

Join us the first Tuesday of the month for a pastor-led Bible study. A program will follow about The Women's Pregnancy Center. We will collect a monetary donation. CLCW board will host.

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

Join us March 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

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

SEWING CLUB

March 7 @ 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.

QUILTING DAY & POTLUCK

March 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!

MEMORY CAFE

March 12 @ 1:00 p.m.

The Memory Cafe will be held on March 12, 2019 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program, Dementia Conversations, will begin at 1:30 p.m. with Kendra Binger, BA Alzheimer's Association.

We will learn how to have the most common difficult conversations, as well as how to plan ahead and build a care team that communicates well. Refreshments will be served following the program. All are welcome.

FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY

March 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

MORNING FOR MOMS

Thursdays @ 9:00 a.m.

Calling all moms!! Do you have a desire to connect with other moms of faith? Come join us from 9:00-10:00 a.m. as we revive the Mom's Bible Study! There will be care for children upon request. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny through the church office for further information. Can't wait to see you there!

UNFORGETTABLES CHOIR

Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.

The Unforgettables Choir is rehearsing weekly on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. to prepare for our April 10 Concert. There is still room available for anyone who is living with Alzheimer's or related Dementia and a care partner as well as for volunteers. Talk to Mary Ann at 701-772-4897 if you are interested. Feel free to pass this information on to others who may not be Calvary members as this is a community choir!

FAITH IN FILM

March 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

Join us for another Faith in Film on Friday, March 1. The movie is *Chocolat*. Join us for chocolate desserts as we watch and discuss where we see God at the movies.

WIDOW/WIDOWER SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

To help with grief and to help make changes and adjustments in life. The group is spiritually centered, interdenominational, led by clergy and lay leaders. It is open to anyone in the area, for any age, who has experienced the death of a spouse.

There is no fee. You may attend as many of the sessions as possible. Sessions begin Monday, March 19, 2018 for eight weeks at Calvary in the Narthex. For information call Phyllis at 701-775-7444.

CARE TEAM

Friendship support to those who are home bound and nursing home residents

FUNERAL MEAL & HOSPITALITY TEAM

Preparing/serving meals for funerals & events

PRAYER SHAWL TEAM

Prayer shawls for those struggling with life's challenges

MEMORY CAFE

Alzheimer's/Dementia education and support on the second Tuesday of the month

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Caring for the congregation through diligent prayer

If you are interested in
serving or participating in
any of these ministries
contact the church
office today!

STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministers provide Christian care to Calvary members and others in the Grand Forks community in confidential one-to-one caring relationships. Grief, health issues, divorce, infertility, personal and spiritual crisis, terminal illness and end of life care, caregivers, financial difficulties, and job loss are some of the situations we have walked through with our care receivers.

Interested in having a friend to talk with or in becoming a Stephen Minister? Talk with Pastor Kirk, Pastor Ivy, or Mary Ann.

FUNERAL TEAM

The funeral team provides hospitality for those grieving a loved one. The funeral receptions are put on completely by volunteers. There are three ways you can help with funerals.

Team Leader: You can be a team leader to help organize the lunch. They contact the family, order the food, and use an established list of volunteers to line up workers.

Dessert Caller: There are those who call members to bring bars or cookies.

Funeral Worker: Of course we always need people to help work the funerals! These volunteers help get things set up, bars cut and tables set.

Call the church office for further information or to sign up for any of these roles.



MAIN OFFICE

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Highlights of the **CHURCH COUNCIL**

February 2019



Treasurer's Report - January Overview

Income in January was 20% or \$12,300 lower when comparing with the prior year. The temperature in the second half of January 2019 was quite cold and may have had an effect on the attendance and in turn the gifts received each Sunday. While our goal each month is to receive receipts at the same level or higher than prior years, at the first month of the year, it is hard to predict the receipts for the remainder of the year.

January's noisy offering was collected for the Great Plains Food Bank in the amount of \$1,316. The new year started off with a busy Calvary schedule. Calvary members were invited to a sledding event at the beginning of January, confirmation students had the opportunity to join other churches for a city-wide event, new members were welcomed at the end of January and the community was invited to the Honduras Rummage Sale.

Year-to-date expenses were \$5,000 lower than the prior year, but \$11,500 higher than the five-year average. In 2017, Calvary began paying property insurance in January which skews the five year average. While January's income and expenses are not unusual, there is still the desire for financials to improve each year. Our prayers as a team are for the congregation to continue to support Calvary through their time, talents, and gifts.

Council Business

This was the first meeting of the new council members. A council retreat is planned for Feb. 16 to get to know each other and dream for Calvary's future. Plans are being made for Lenten services which begin with Ash Wednesday on March 6.

Officers and Ministry Teams

There were many opportunities for Calvary members to join in fellowship and service. There was an afternoon of sledding, over 25 new members joined our church, confirmation students met for a city wide event, and the Honduras rummage sale was a huge success. There were several funerals in January with many volunteers working to serve these.

Submitted by council secretary, Cris Johnson

VOLUNTEER & LEARN

Learn, grow, and give back!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PILLOWCASE DRESS MISSION PROJECT

March 21 @ 9:00 a.m.

Join us March 21 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 January 7. Thank you!

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEEHOUSE

Serving coffee and fellowship on Sundays

MEMORY CAFE

Alzheimer's/Dementia education and support on the second Tuesday of the month

MISSION QUILTERS

Quilting group for Lutheran World Relief on the last Tuesday of the month

WEDDING COORDINATOR TEAM

Support team for weddings

WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE

Fellowship & Prayer Group meeting every Wednesday @10:00 a.m.

FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Fellowship and support for parents and kids the second Monday of every month at 5:40 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering contact the office today to sign up and get connected!

UNFORGETTABLES

The Unforgettables Choir is in need of volunteers as singers, facilitating snacks and beverages for social time, set up for rehearsals and concerts, photography, and serving refreshments at concerts. Please contact Mary Ann if you are interested at 701-772-4897.

COMFORT MEAL MINISTRY

Do you love to cook? We are looking for volunteers to be a part our comfort meal ministry. Through the simple act of cooking and delivering a meal, volunteers will provide hospitality to those in need. We are looking to serve families or individuals who are welcoming a new baby, adopting a child, undergoing medical treatments, recovering from surgery, or grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are interested in more information contact Nichole Bye through the office.

BAPTISM CLASS

March 21 @ 5:30 p.m.

We welcome all to the baptismal font at Calvary, both young and old, both members and nonmembers. At Calvary, baptisms happen in worship, both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. In preparation for baptism, we ask that you attend one of our baptism orientation

classes, held monthly at Calvary. If you are looking to get your baby baptized, you can attend the class any time before the baptism event, even before your baby is born!

FOUNDATIONS IN FAITH

Growing in faith together



CONFIRMATION

The confirmation classes will change from the regular Wednesday evening sessions to worship assisting during Lent. Confirmation families are encouraged to attend the Lenten worship services each week, March 6-April 10.

10TH GRADERS AND MENTORS EVENT

The 10th grade confirmation students and their adult mentors continue their faith journey together with monthly conversations about topics like baptism and prayer. They'll meet on March 3 at 4:30 p.m. at Christus Rex.

LENT AT CALVARY

At Calvary, we make the Wednesdays in Lent something special! Weekly messages, will be presented using drama and story, will develop this year's Lenten theme, "Searching." We are following tradition and will use the beloved "Holden Evening Prayer" as our liturgy for worship. Families are encouraged to bring children or grandchildren to Wednesday Lenten worship. There will be a special kids' time each week.

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

\$25 – kid's pass

\$35 – adult pass

\$80 – family pass (4 or more)

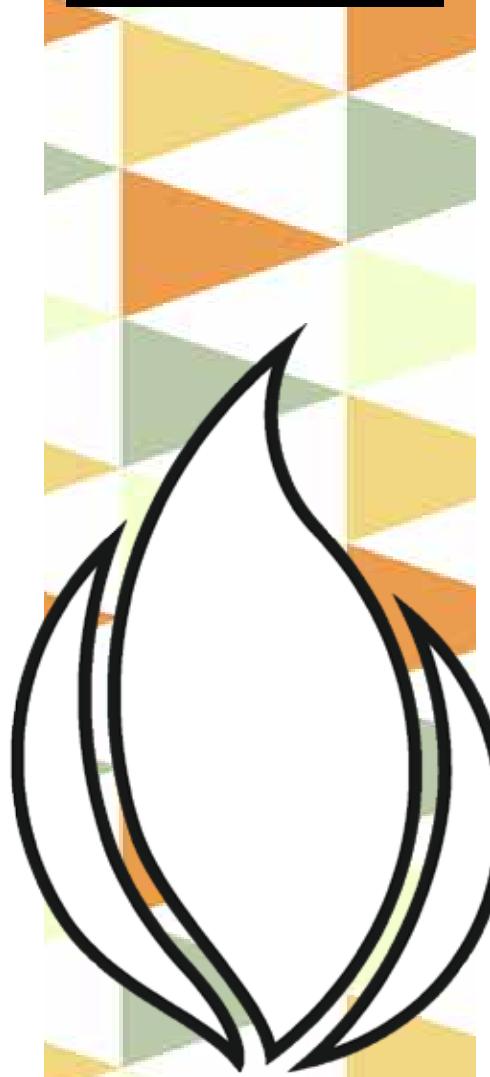
Cost for this year's meal per Wednesday is \$7 for adults (grade 6 and up), \$5 for children (grade 5 and under).



CINNAMON ROLL

SUNDAY

The youth headed to Hartford this summer will be serving fresh made cinnamon rolls on Sunday, March 10 as a fundraiser for their trip. A free will offering will be collected. Come hungry and ready to support our youth!



OUR RECORD OF PARTICIPATION

OFFERINGS

1/20/19	6,988.51
1/27/19	14,371.51
2/3/19	13,461.22
2/10/19	6,996.00

Proposed 2019 Budget -- \$1,059,264
Offering received through 2/13/19 -- \$76,500
Expenses through 2/13/19 -- \$109,413

BALANCE OF BUILDING EXPANSION LOAN

\$996,217.16

Baptisms:

2-3-19 Lennon Monroe Manke, child of Rory and Lauren Manke.
2-10-19 Ella Rose Rengstorf, child of Lucas and Amanda Rengstorf.
2-17-19 William Scott Blodgett, child of Jeremy and Jamie Blodgett.

Our Prayers & Christian Sympathy To:

The family of Vernon Everson, who died February 15.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Charmelle Hughes by Earl and Janice Strinden
In memory of LeRoy Kurtyka by Dann and Cris Johnson, James and Renee Lies, Perry and Priscilla Marto, Marlys Thoreson, Marilyn Hagerty
In memory of Dick Wilhelm by Marlys Thoreson
In memory of Doug McPhail by Richard and Patricia Grinde, Carol Solberg, Bruce and Jaclyn Morlock
In memory of Del Soderberg by Kathy McCue
In memory of Ross Watland by George and Alice Watland, Gary and Roberta Zick
In memory of Doug Norgard by Elizabeth Staveteig
In memory of Roger Sundby by John and Jackie Knudson
In memory of Richard Ramsay by John and Jackie Knudson, Paul and Joyce Ramsay, Kevin and Courtney Ritterman, Daniel and Sharon Evanson, Patrick and Barbara Mahar, Gary and Roberta Zick, Donnabell Weston, Robert and Janis Leach, Richard and Sharon Jurgens, Lucille Teigen, Thomas and Lori Young

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of Janelle Eken by Jerry and Kay Flom

BUILDING EXPANSION

In memory of LeRoy Kurtyka by Don and Ellen Anderson, Sharon St. Germain

In memory of Doug McPhail by Robert and Myrna Bower, Richard and Barb Lunde
In memory of Douglas Norgard by Derril and Doris Bring, Priscilla Marto, Chris Garske
In memory of Dick Jackson by Ronald Apanian, Mark and Gloria Sanford
In memory of Richard Ramsay by Malcolm and Lori Stennes, Ruth Larson, Mark and Gloria Sanford
In memory of Roger Sundby by Roxanne Bakke, Barry and Denise Zimmerman, Nestor and Laurie Jaramillo, Marvin and Maryls Moen, Glenn and Sandra Bethke, Elton and Carol Hendrickson, Donavon and Georgine Sellheim, George and Patricia Berg, Loren and Renae Basol, Inez Knain, Basil and Carol Tweten, Kay Kvasager, Verna Helmeke, Neil and Joan Camburn, Rodney and Joyce Medalen, Ramona Slivicki, Jason and Kristi Mcsparron, Dorothy Hough, Bruce and Lindal Sword, Judy Wenlund, Vernon and Shirley Erickson, Jerald and Diana Basol, Duane and Sue Hafner, Shannon and Denise Bergstrom, Orien and Elaine Klath, Pat and Mary Ann Devig, Marti Moen, Marvin and Jean Jacobson, Elenore Grinde, Brad and Yvonne Westrum, Ron and Marilyn Nyberg, Alice Moen, Dick and Bette Sorlie, Gary Anderson, Delores Langseth

FUNDS AS OF JANUARY 2019

Youth	56,435.70
Honduras Mission	43,566.88
Family Mission	497.22
Good Sam	6,354.09
Altar Guild	3,025.78
Refugee	5,994.87
Pastor's Cont Ed	3,727.13
Campership	1,921.08
Music	5,490.41
Library	2,381.26
Lutheran College	0
Undesignated Memorials	42633.44
Landscaping	873.71
Contemporary Worship	1,348.8
Education	10,632.71
Fine Arts	1,826.28
Program Development	97.18
Missions	36,576.99
Unforgettables Choir	3,848.91
Prayer Chain	7,447.73
Hymnal & Bible Fund	1238.90
Adoption Awareness	1,723.85
Coffee Shop	899.84
Columbarium	14,303.56
Support Services	18,431.38
Stephen Ministry	933.75
Operation Technology	7,796.11
Organ/Piano	1,657.07
General Maintenance	2,053.73
Seminary	2796.0
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	391.91
Building Expansion	145,741
Hearing Aid Loop	2,022

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 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 4:30 pm Grade 10/Mentor Event	4 6:00 pm Bells 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School 4:30 pm Grade 10/Mentor Event	5 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 1:00 pm Church Women 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	6 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 10:00 am Unforgettables Choir 2:00 pm Maple View Worship 5:00 pm Lenten Meal 5:30 & 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 5:30 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Choir	7 9:00 am Morning for Moms 1:30 pm Sewing Club 7:00 pm Worship Team Mtg.	8	9
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