

CALVARY CALLING

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May 2019

Last month at Calvary...

Those who attended the Totally Tables youth fundraiser had a great night with live music, a served meal and games and a silent auction all to support our high schoolers. They are in the homestretch of fundraising for their mission trip this summer to Hartford, CT. Thank you to all who attended and helped make it a fun night!

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!



On Palm Sunday the Sunday School kids sang *Hosanna!* and waved their palms high! The pictures below show Pastor Ivy and Pastor Kirk leading kids' time on Easter morning.



The Unforgettables Choir had their spring concert on April 24, and it was a full crowd! This is an amazing ministry of Calvary, and we are lucky to be blessed with their music. Thanks to all who joined in the great day!



A NOTE FROM PASTOR IVY



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this letter to you, yet another blizzard is moving through the region. It feels like it's been winter since I began at Calvary seven months ago. And while the weather outside has been somewhat of a challenge, I feel it is important to tell you that the inside of this building has been a huge contrast to the weather. While the outside has been cold and hard, the inside has been warm and nourishing. What a pleasure it is to be in partnership with you in a place that is such a blessing.

I trust that this newsletter for the month of May will find your inboxes and mailboxes surrounded by green grass and budding tulips. I trust that the promise of life after death, or what we as Christians call Easter, is being made evident as you read these words. While I don't know what the weather will be like, what I do know is that there will be things happening at Calvary. Within these pages you will see God doing some pretty cool things. Within these pages you will see glimpses of the warmth and nourishment that comes from God through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have just celebrated Easter, and we continue to do so by living into the things that God is doing in us, among us, and around us.

A few highlights in May will be receiving New Members on May 5, the conclusion of the Sunday School and Wednesday School year, final mentor events for confirmation, a baccalaureate service for the graduating high school students and their families and a Blessing of the Bikes/ Bicycles. Oh - and the summer schedule begins at the end of the month as well. Look for more information about each of these things, and more, in this newsletter. Friends, this is *Calvary Calling* and Calvary is calling you to be part of God's mission here.

Peace,

Pastor Ivy

CALVARY **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Coffeehouse Worship | Holy Grounds – 8:00 a.m.

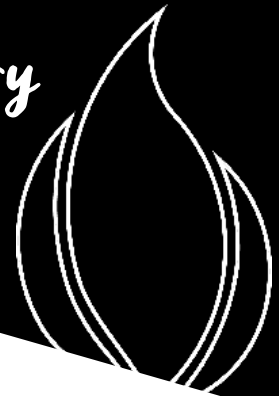
Traditional Worship | Sanctuary – 9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship | Fellowship Hall – 10:30 a.m.

Calvary CONNECTS

GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

May 7

Join us the first Tuesday of the month for a pastor-led Bible study. A program will follow and will tour the Sunshine House. We will collect a monetary donation. All are welcome.

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

Join us May 18 @ 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

May 2 & 16 @ 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

May 28 @ 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

May 14 @ 1:00 p.m.

The Memory Cafe will be held on Tuesday, May 14 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary. The program will be *Laughter Yoga* presented by Sue Thompson. We try to provide some entertainment for our Memory Cafe event in May following a long winter and *Laughter Yoga* will surely send you home laughing! All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Refreshments will be served following the program. Call Mary Ann at 701-772-4897 for information.

FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY

May 5

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

HOW DOES HEARING AFFECT YOUR HEALTH?

May 7 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates that approximately 37.5 million American adults have a significant hearing loss making it one of the most common health concerns people face. While most causes of hearing loss are well-understood, researchers are still studying all the possible causes, methods for prevention and treatment options. Come and learn what the newest research is showing and what options are available when we lose our hearing. Dr. Megan Thorson, Audiologist from Altru, will be our speaker for this hour-long program. All are welcome. The event is free.

BOOK CONVERSATION

June 11, 18, 25 @ 1:10 p.m.

Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Greg Boyle.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Boyle tells stories that teach kinship, compassion, redemption, and mercy. Join the conversation about how boundless compassion changes lives. Conversations will take place at Kings View Condos Community Room, 6100 Kings View Dr. from 1:10 - 3:10 p.m. Sign up in the office where books will be available to purchase. Questions? Contact Ann Porter at 701-330-0602.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Special events you won't want to miss!



SPRING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 1 @ 10:45 a.m.

Join us this May Day for Calvary's Spring Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for our famous turkey pasta salad with croissant and delicious lemon dessert. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. Proceeds of this fun lunch will go to LaGrave on First housing complex and for new tables in the Fellowship Hall.

MAY THE FOURTH

Saturday, May 4

Calling all fans of *Star Wars* big and small! Join us on Saturday, May 4, for *Star Wars* Day at Calvary. We will have a movie marathon day with snacks, trivia and prizes along with our favorite movies. Come dressed as your favorite character and come for one or all of the movies! Any questions contact Aaron today!

Movie Schedule:

Rogue One - 10:00 a.m.

A New Hope - 12:35 p.m.

The Empire Strikes Back - 3:00 p.m.

The Return of the Jedi - 5:30 p.m.

FOUNDATION GRANT DEADLINE

May 8 @ 4:30 p.m.

Calvary's Foundation provides perpetual financial support to further Calvary's mission of serving and igniting people for Christ both locally and worldwide. Foundation grant requests are being accepted through May 8 at 4:30 p.m. in the church office. Application forms, information and tax information about giving to the foundation can also be found in the office or on the website.

CALVARY BAZAAR

WHAT: A sale of assorted handmade and homemade items including baked goods and craft/gift items made by Calvary members.

WHEN: May 1 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (or as long as items are available!)

WHERE: Calvary Narthex (area outside of the Sanctuary).

Proceeds will be given to the Calvary general budget. Thank you for your support!

BAPTISM CLASS

May 16 @ 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!

SUMMER AT CALVARY

Summer months at Calvary look a little different than the fall, winter and spring months. North Dakotans enjoy their summers (after especially long winters) so we modify our worship schedule and office hours.

Coffeehouse Worship | Holy Grounds – 8:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship | Sanctuary – 9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship | Fellowship Hall – 10:30 a.m.

Office hours | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be a combination June/July newsletter. If you have an article for June or July please submit it to the office by May 15. Thank you!



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Highlights of the
CHURCH COUNCIL
April 2019



Treasurer's Report - January Overview

Income in March was considerably lower than last year and the 5 year average. The stormy weather and late Lenten season may be part of this. Expenses were lower also due in part to having two pastors, rather than three, and not having snow hauled away this winter as it was able to be piled on the empty lot. Noisy offering in March brought in \$1300 which is going to the ministry of Cafe Hygge, located in the Grand Cities Mall. This is a ministry sponsored through Augustan Lutheran Church that provides healthy, locally sourced meals based on the "pay what you can" model. April 7 Text to Give drive brought in \$6000. A few more members enrolled in the online giving option that day.

Council Business

Calvary is currently looking for a part time youth director. Aaron Bye will be serving as an intern at Calvary for 2 years through an online pastoral program with Luther Seminary. He will serve as an advisor for the new youth director, but will not be directly involved with youth ministry. Calvary will be working on redoing its website. It is a time consuming process. The Church Council will be introduced on Sunday, May 5, at all 3 services. Photos and a short bio of council members are located in this issue of Calvary Calling.

Officers and Ministry Teams

Calvary Cookbooks are available for purchase. The Spring Luncheon and Bazaar will be Wednesday, May 1. Calvary Connect Cards will be used the first Sunday of each month and on special holidays. Submitted by council secretary, Cris Johnson

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KIRK



As some long-time members of Calvary know, we have a history here of growing wonderfully spirited church leaders. It is with great joy that I not only announce the beginning of Aaron Bye's change in position here at Calvary (from Youth Director to two-year Intern Pastor), I will spell out what this means for both Aaron and Calvary.

For Calvary, this means we will be seeking a new Youth Director as soon as possible so that he or she can become somewhat fluent in how we practice ministry among our younger members and their families. For Aaron, the next 24 months means a whole different job description being practiced at the same place where he used to be the Youth Director! Aaron will be a half-time employee and a full-time seminary student based out of Luther Seminary in St. Paul. This is a pilot program for just 30 men and women seeking ordination in the ELCA. It is a program underwritten by the former CEO of Waste Management, Dean Buntrock. It is because of Mr. Buntrock's vision and generosity that much of Aaron's costs are covered! So instead of Aaron leaving Calvary to attend seminary and then seeking a call four years from now, he will be embedded here at Calvary for just two years doing school work and his internship at the same time AND then, by God's grace, be ordained to serve Calvary!

In order to make a clean start, on Sunday, May 26, we will make time during our three Sunday worship services (as well as our Wednesday, May 22 worship service) to publicly affirm Aaron's work as our Youth Director which will officially end May 31. And then during our worship service on Sunday, June 2, we will again make time to publicly announce Aaron's new position here as our Intern Pastor - which officially begins on June 1.

To make as many people as possible know about this position change, we will be displaying posters around the buildings weeks in advance. In order to make everyone even more aware of this change, Aaron will be moving his office to the office next to Pastor Ivy's office. The best way for people to figure all of this out is probably by word of mouth, but we are going to do our best to make people aware of this transition. Please pray for him as he takes on this huge challenge!



Lori Kehrwald, Council President, is starting her second year on the Calvary council. Last year she served as the treasurer and is honored to serve in a new capacity as president. Lori and her husband, Josh, along with their two boys, Jakob (9) and Liam (7), moved to Grand Forks in the fall of 2015. They were blessed to immediately find their church home at Calvary. Lori is the Finance Manager at Manning Publications, a computer programming publisher out of New York. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, volleyball, the occasional sewing and painting project, and camping with her family. One of Lori's favorite things about Calvary is the wide variety of activities for all ages and stages of life.



Mike McLean, V.P. of Life & Growth, has been a member at Calvary since 2017. Mike and his wife Liza moved to Grand Forks from Williston in 2016 and have been moved by how welcoming and caring the Calvary congregation has been. Their daughter, Maria, was baptized at Calvary in October of 2017. Mike grew up in Oakes, North Dakota. He is an architect and serves as the Market Leader for the Grand Forks JLG Architects office. Mike enjoys running, golf, sketching, and traveling in his spare time. He is honored to serve Calvary and is thankful to be part of the congregation, growing in Christ.



Erin Navarro, V.P. of Worship & Outreach, Calvary member since 2009, is delighted to serve on Calvary's council. Erin is wife to Danny (musician at Wednesday worship) and mother to Devin, age 9.5, and Piper, age 7.75. Erin is the Director of Pharmacy and pharmacist for Altru Health System, overseeing all aspects of pharmacy operations. In her spare time, Erin can be found spending time with her family, riding one of the family's horses, hunting, fishing, or gardening. Erin has been active in recent years on Calvary's Honduras mission teams. She has also served as chair for Pastor Ivy's call committee, on the planning committees for past women's retreats, ushered for Wednesday worship services, volunteers in the kitchen for various events, among other service opportunities. Other community work Erin is involved with include the Advisory Board for Northland Technical College's Pharmacy Technician Program and co-chair for Medication Take-Back Events. Erin's favorite thing about Calvary is the attention given to children and family ministries and the inclusive community.

FOUNDATIONS IN FAITH

Growing in faith together



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“ROAR” – June 3-6 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join your friends for an exciting week of fun. VBS is for all youth currently of Sunday School age (3 years by last August 1, 2018, through current 5th grade). Registration is necessary. Please sign up at the registration table in the Narthex and near the Education office on Sundays.

EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Sunday/Wednesday School classes for children 3 years (by August 1, 2019) through 5th grade on Sunday morning and on Wednesday at 5:30. Please register at a table in the Narthex or near the Education office.

Confirmation classes for all 6th-9th graders (fall of 2019) on Wednesdays at 7:00. Register now before the back-to-school rush of next fall. Registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex and near the Education office.

BIBLE CAMP

“Camp Sunday”

If you need some extra assistance for registering for camp or filling out a campership request, we will have a table set up outside the Fellowship Hall on Sunday May 5 & 19. Bring your questions, and we will help you get ready for camp!

CAMP METIGOSHE

Bible Camp is a wonderful opportunity for young people to deepen their faith, and enjoy time outdoors in God’s creation. This summer, Calvary will be coordinating two weeks at CAMP METIGOSHE for students. Check the list below for grades and the corresponding weeks! All grades listed below are entering next school year.

Sunday, July 7 - 10

Grades 4 & 5: Trailblazers III
Grades 7 & 8: Homestead I

Sunday, July 29 - August 3

Grades 4 & 5: Trailblazers VI (Aug. 4-7)
Grades 6 & 7: Pioneers III
Grades 8-10: Discoverers III

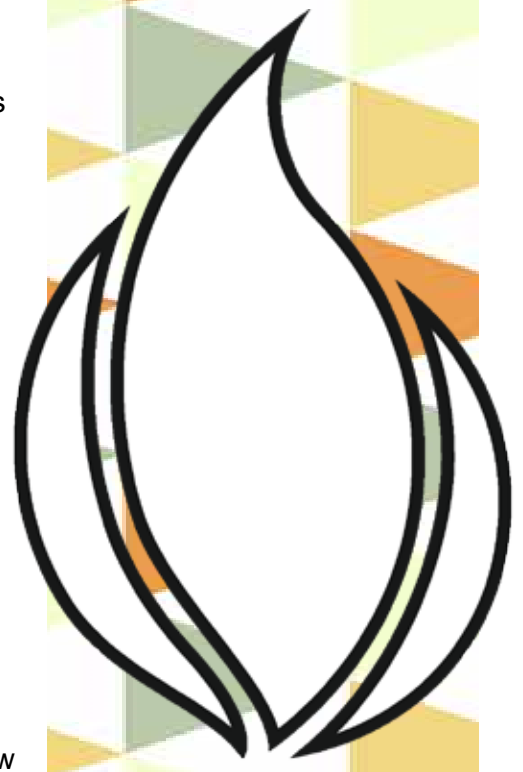
To register for camp, please visit www.metigosheministries.com

We will once again be coordinating transportation to and from camp these two weeks. To be a part of that and/or register for camperships stop in the church office or visit Calvary’s website.

Campership requests must be in by June 3.

RED WILLOW DAY CAMP | Wednesday, July 24:

Kids entering grades kindergarten through third grade - join us for a day of fun at Red Willow Day Camp. For the students entering kindergarten and first grade this fall - an adult (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.) must attend day camp with their young person. To sign up for Red Willow please stop in the church office and fill out a registration form.



OUR RECORD OF PARTICIPATION

OFFERINGS

3/24/19	13,549.40
3/31/19	16,675.08
4/7/19	42,080.90
4/14/19	18,773.24

Proposed 2019 Budget -- \$1,059,264
Offering received through 4/15/19 -- \$248,385
Expenses through 4/15/19 -- \$272,879

BALANCE OF BUILDING EXPANSION LOAN **\$990,873.86**

Baptisms:

3-31-19 Keegan Thomas McMahon child of Kyle and Ashley McMahon
4-7-19 Calvin Thomas Roche child of Joseph Mountain and Kelli Roche

Our Prayers & Christian Sympathy To:

Jon Englund whose mother Joan Englund died March 12.
Ray Jarombek whose brother Ted Jarombek died March 28.
The family of Ida Bakke who died April 11.
Art Culver whose mother died March 16.
Judi Paukert and Terryl Rood whose mother Mary Jane Nudell died April 26.
The family of Leonard Lien who died April 26.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

HOLY GROUNDS

In memory of Roger Sundby by David and Marian Hanson

HONDURAS

In memory of LeRoy Kurtyka by Lael and Nancy Schmidt, Rita Schuster, Beverly Langheid, Lowell and Lora Machart, Paul and Debra Arnason, Marilyn Lundberg

In memory of Kenneth Gustafson by Randi and Carma Hanson

MEMORY CAFÉ

In memory of Dick Jackson by Charles and Colleen Zick

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Jim McMenemy by Donna Grove
In memory of Charmelle Hughes by James and Renee Lies
In memory of John Manske by Joan Johnson
In memory of Richard Ramsay by Jan Kurtyka, David and Marian Hanson, Sara Loberg, Charles and Marian Gates, Jerome and Marilyn Bakke
In memory of Don Rood by Sheri Hallgren

In memory of Dick Jackson by Sara Loberg, Meridee Danks, Basil and Carol Tweten, Lucille Tangen, Mary Freije

In memory of LeRoy Kurtyka by Charles and Marian Gates

PIANO AND ORGAN FUND

In memory of Roger Sundby by Wayne and Dorothy Westlund

In memory of Richard Ramsay by Wallace and Sara Bloom

GOOD SAM

In memory of Dick Jackson by Roderick and Vickie Howell, Cleone Strinden, Douglas and Connie Momerak, Terry and Mary Ann McKenna, Michael and Elaine Matthew

In memory of Janelle Eken by Rod and Vickie Howell

FUNDS AS OF APRIL 2019

Youth	72,866.36
Honduras Mission	25,284.42
Family Mission	497.22
Good Sam	7,019.87
Altar Guild	3,025.78
Refugee	5,994.87
Pastor's Cont Ed	3,727.13
Campership	1,921.08
Music	4,769.87
Library	2,381.26
Lutheran College	0
Undesignated Memorials	42633.44
Landscaping	873.71
Contemporary Worship	1,348.8
Education	11,152.25
Fine Arts	1,826.28
Program Development	97.18
Missions	39,772.43
Unforgettables Choir	3,888.91
Prayer Chain	7,447.73
Hymnal & Bible Fund	2112.40
Adoption Awareness	1,723.85
Coffee Shop	745.88
Columbarium	16,948.56
Support Services	18,974.39
Stephen Ministry	933.75
Operation Technology	9,407.08
Organ/Piano	1,095.89
General Maintenance	2,053.73
Seminary	2816.0
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	401.91
Building Expansion	144,816
Hearing Aid Loop	2,022
Furnace Fund	100

MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Calvary Bazaar 10:45 am Spring Luncheon 2:00 am Maple View Worship 5:30 pm Worship 5:30 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Ignite 7:00 pm Choir	2 9:00 am Morning for Moms 1:30 pm Sewing Club 7:00 pm God Talk on Tap	3 11:00 pm Christus Rex Lunch	4 10:00 pm Star Wars Movie Marathon
5 Food Drive Sunday New Member Sunday 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School	6 7:00 pm Widow/Widower	7 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 1:00 pm Church Women 7:00 pm Sense of Hearing 7:00 pm Worship Team	8 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 pm Wednesday School & Worship 7:00 pm Choir Foundation Grant Deadline	9 9:00 am Morning for Moms 7:00 pm Bunco Lutheran World Relief Deadline	10 Lutheran World Relief Deadline	11
12 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School	13 7:30 pm Stewardship Team	14 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 1:00 pm Memory Café 6:00 pm Finance Team 7:00 pm Council	15 10:30 am Priscilla/Sarah Circle 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 pm Wednesday School & Worship 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Ruth Circle	16 9:00 am Morning for Moms 1:30 pm Sewing Club 5:30 pm Baptism Class Lutheran World Relief Deadline	17 Lutheran World Relief Deadline	18 9:00 am Pre-marriage Class 10:00 am Knit/Crochet
19 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School 11:45 am Bike Blessing & Picnic 3:30 pm 10 th Grade/Mentor Event @ Lincoln Park	20	21 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	22 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 pm Wednesday School & Worship 7:00 pm Baccalaureate Worship	23 9:00 am Morning for Moms 11:30 am Men's Bible Study	24	25
26 Summer Schedule Begins 8:00 am Coffeehouse Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 9:30 am Quilting & Potluck 5:30 pm Love Feast Staff Service Day Office Closed	29 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation			



Matthew Vanderpan is proud to serve the congregation of Calvary Lutheran on the church council as the stewardship chair. He and his wife McKynsay have been members of Calvary since 2011. Both are graduates of the University of North Dakota and have made Grand Forks their home since they married in 2007. They are proud parents of two children, Clara (7) & Craig (3), both baptized at Calvary. Prior to joining the church council in 2019, Matthew served as a member of the Calvary Stewardship Committee in 2017/2018. Matthew is employed by Verisk Insurance Solutions in the capacity of a Senior Field Representative. He has been employed there for 14 years, he conducts third party commercial property inspections for the insurance industry. Matt loves being a husband and father. He enjoys all things outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, camping, walking and bike riding.



Brandon Wild, youth chair, has been a Calvary member since arriving in Grand Forks in 2012 from Atlanta, GA. He is married to Elizabeth (9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Volunteer Coordinator). They have two boys, Isaac (11) and Caleb (7), and one cat, Marcus (18). Brandon is an Associate Professor in the Aviation Department at UND. He is an avid Chicago Cubs fan, and he and Elizabeth are originally from the Chicago area.



Jeanene Swartz is honored to serve Calvary in her third year as the christian education chair on council. She has been a Sunday school teacher, VBS helper and confirmation guide over the years. Jeanene has been on the Calvary Board of Christian Education for the last six years. She also volunteers with one of the funeral teams and the Spring Luncheon. Jeanene and her husband Steve joined Calvary ten years ago. They have a son, Adam (16) and daughter, Katie (13). Jeanene worked as a Revenue Services Manager at Ecolab for 12 years and then worked at Alerus Financial for seven years in the 401K retirement services area. She is currently retired. Jeanene loves everything Calvary has to offer – but especially the kids!



Dustin Lang, worship chair, has been a member of Calvary since 2008. He and Jennifer were married at Calvary in 2009. He has been the head usher for the sanctuary since 2013, and has served on the church council since 2017, starting with Evangelism for one year before moving to Worship. Dustin is an Engineering Team Leader at the ND Dept. of Transportation - Grand Forks District, where he has worked since 2004. Outside of work and church, Dustin enjoys being outdoors, playing and listening to music, watching sports, playing volleyball, trivia, and traveling.



Art Culver, Social Justice. Hola. My name is Art Culver. My wife Kay has been a lifelong member of Calvary, and I joined when we married 24 years ago. I was in the Air Force for 22 years and a paramedic for 20 years. Currently I work for the Grand Forks City Area Transit department. We have two daughters, Kourtney (23) who is a grad student at U of M, Minneapolis. Yes, I am the proud parent of a Gopher :) and Kaitlan (20) who is currently doing her generals at Northland Technical College, EGF, working towards a degree in psychology. Let me not forget Macy, our 15-year-old shih tzu. I have been blessed to have a Spanish mother and to have been born and raised in Spain. My first language was Spanish and I truly love speaking it with my Hispanic and Latino friends. I am honored to be able to serve Calvary on the Social Justice team. In short, this team looks at how Calvary can help with social issues and service opportunities for our community and around the world.
Peace, Arturo



Your Calvary Council can be reached through the church office or by e-mail at council@calvarygf.org



Jeff Caillier, Treasurer, has been a Calvary member since he moved to Grand Forks in 2014. He is excited to become more involved at Calvary and to continue building friendships with more Calvary members. Jeff serves as the Market Vice President at First Community Credit Union and enjoys curling, snowmobiling, and cooking in his spare time. He grew up on a farm near Crookston, but now lives in Grand Forks with his wife, Brittany.



Cris Johnson, Secretary

Cris (Apanian) Johnson, the Council secretary, has been a Calvary member since she was two years old. She was confirmed here, married here, served as a part-time youth director from 1978-1983, and been on many committees and part of several groups. Both her and Dann's children, Derek and Brenna, were baptized and confirmed here. Cris is a retired teacher of 33 years and is currently working as a library para at Winship where she taught for 30 years. She loves to spend time at Buck Lake with her family, especially her granddaughters: Olivia, Annika, Siri, and Marin. She is known to them as "treat" grandma.



Lacey Buchholz, Finance & Operations, joined the Calvary council in 2019 is the current finance team representative. Lacey and her husband Ryan joined Calvary Lutheran in 2010 after moving to Grand Forks. They were married here in 2011. Lacey and Ryan are proud parents to their two beautiful and full-of-life girls: Allison, age 5 and Natalie, age 17-months. Lacey is a Financial Institutions Examiner III with the North Dakota Department of Financial Institutions. She has been traveling around the state examining banks since 2008. Lacey is looking forward to working with the members of the finance team on ensuring the gracious gifts of our congregation are used to support the mission of Calvary. Lacey enjoys long weekends at home or at Wall Lake with her family, knitting, and traveling to warm places in the winter.





Jill Nelson has been at Calvary since 2010 and is honored to serve as the Community Relations Chair since 2017. She is the proud wife of John Nelson (Drummer in Calvary Contemporary Band) and mother of two beautiful daughters, Miabella(9) and Juliet(6). Jill is the Head of Marketing & Community Relations for the Grand Forks Park District, including Choice Health & Fitness, King's Walk Golf Course and Lincoln Golf Course. Her other volunteer and/or board member experiences included the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, American Lung Association of Colorado, Bryne Urban Scholars, Denver Odyssey Hospice, Grand Forks Valley Health Clinic, and others. Jill's favorite experience as the Community relations chair has been working with staff member, Meghan Olson, on the rebranding of Calvary, and she looks forward to rolling out many more fun plans in the works.



Morgan Olson, Parish Fellowship, began attending Calvary at age three and was confirmed in 2007. She attended various mission trips as a youth, young adult, and chaperone. It is an honor and a privilege to serve on Calvary's council. She and her husband, Todd, were married at Calvary in 2013. They are proud parents of two boys, Landry (3) and Dalton (1 month). Morgan works as a speech-language pathologist for Grand Forks Public Schools. She loves vanilla lattes, good conversation, and spending time with family and friends.



Lael Schmidt, Service Ministries is in his third year on the council. His family has been a member of Calvary for the past 33 years. He is married to Nancy, and they have four children: Leif (married to Stephanie), Lise (married to Evan), Gretchen and Ger (married to Megan) and are proud grandparents of Lexi, Kasen, Hailey and Noah. Lael works for Cargill as a supply chain manager. Lael enjoys gardening, hiking, sports, photography, helping others and anything related to our Honduras mission. Lael's favorite expression is "Make a difference!" Our family loves the Calvary contemporary worship, but Lael admittedly loves the traditional service and old school Lutheran hymns too!



Diane is in her second year on council as the Evangelism Team Representative and has been a Calvary member since 2009. Her family was originally drawn to Calvary because of its strong youth program and the contemporary worship service. She is married to Jim, and they have three daughters: Katie (married to Justin Kilmer), Megan (married to Ger Schmidt) and Bethany. They are proud grandparents to Michael Kilmer (almost a year old). Diane is a retired Grand Forks Public Schools teacher and still does some teaching and supervising of student teachers for UND. She plays in the bell choir and volunteers for various events as time allows.