

CALVARY CALLING

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Last month at Calvary...

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 May 5 some of the Calvary council was introduced and prayed over in all worship services. This group is dedicated to be reachable and approachable, and we are thankful for these servants!



The Calvary choir participated in the 2nd annual "Life Every Voice" concert held in Bemidji on May 4. Together with the choirs from Calvary Lutheran (Bemidji) and Messiah Lutheran (Fargo) we raised \$2000 to benefit the Bemidji Food Shelf and Great Plains Food Bank.

A wonderful day was had by all, and we even fit in a visit with Paul & Babe! Next year we will have the opportunity to host this concert at Calvary in early May, so watch for an announcement!

Calvary served the Love Feast community meal at Zion Methodist. It was a fun day of cooking and serving together! Thank you to all the volunteers who worked and baked to make this day possible!



Aaron Bye preached and led worship on May 5 in the Fellowship Hall. It is an exciting time for us at Calvary as we watch him shift from youth ministry to pastoral intern and seminary student. He begins at Luther June 2 and will be at Calvary in his new role June 10.



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR KIRK



Welcome to spring in Grand Forks...finally! As we shift into the summer months and all the nice weather that comes with it, I want to give you a “state of the union” at Calvary and ask you all a few questions. Have you ever lived through a number of loose ends? Do you ever think back and wonder where was God in those hectic times? I even wonder how many verses in the Bible were written in calm, uneventful times. Six? None?

Well, our congregation, Calvary Lutheran Church, is headed into a brief season of loose ends. And get this: we’ll be experiencing them at a rather loose time in the calendar year – the end of May! So besides the many loose ends in and around the physical building here on South 9th Street, many of our members are bound for summer destinations the moment the ice comes off the lakesides, the school year ends or the temperature reaches the boiling point for North Dakotans and Minnesotans after a long, drawn-out winter (about 75 degrees I’d guess).

One of our exciting loose ends includes the transition of our current youth ministry coordinator, Aaron Bye, into a full-time intern pastor at Calvary. Beginning June 1, he will start the brand new path toward ordination called MDivX through Luther Seminary. For the next 24 months Aaron will be our pastoral intern alongside his school work. We have recently invited seven members to be on Aaron’s Internship Committee. Another big change coming for Calvary is that Jackie Spiros, our Education Director for the past 28 years, announced her retirement at our May council meeting. Calvary has been blessed by her faithfulness and ministry for the last 28 years. We are grateful for the time and talent she shared with us, and we are excited for her as she enjoys retirement with her family, especially her grandkids! All are invited to be a part of her card shower throughout May and June. Baskets and blank notes will be set up in the back of each worship space. Let’s shower Jackie with love for everything she has done for Calvary! There will be retirement reception in her honor on June 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. (in between services) in the Narthex. The education team and the youth team are in the process of reimagining Calvary’s needs and filling these two positions.

As far as the physical building we call Calvary, there are some exciting changes ahead there too! A few generous members of our Calvary family purchased blinds for the east side of the Sanctuary. Daxon Mason installed these blinds as a gift to Calvary. We are blessed by his gifts in big ways. We received more information about the options for the southeast parking lot. This is definitely a loose end, but we are working with the city, the buildings and ground team, as well as the church council to move forward on this project.

Although the worship schedule slows down in the summer months, Calvary will still be a busy place! Vacation Bible School begins June 3, kids will be heading off to Bible camp, Calvary’s “Little Free Garden” will be growing and the high schoolers will be off on their mission trip.

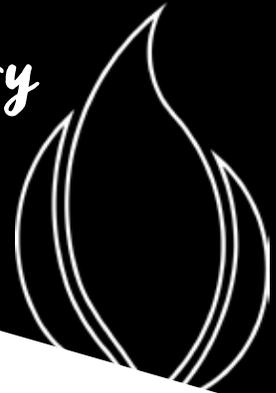
I hope and pray you are as excited as I am about what God is up to around here! We at Calvary value clear communication, especially when there are so many incredibly spirited moments that I call loose ends. Come Lord Jesus...

Pastor Kirk

Calvary CONNECTS

GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

June 15 & July 20 @ 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

June 6 & 20, July 18 @ 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

June 26 & July 30 @ 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!

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.

Questions? Contact Ann Porter at 701-330-0602.

FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY

June 2 & July 7

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

START SPREADING THE NEWS...

The Calvary Choir Is Going to New York!

The Calvary choir has been invited by Melanie Popejoy to join the Grand Cities Children's Choirs in a multigenerational choral concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City in February 2020. In addition to the concert, we will have the opportunity to sing in a worship service at St. Patrick's Cathedral and will be partnering with a Lutheran church congregation in New York on a mission project while we are there. We are very excited about this opportunity and would like your support. We are planning some fundraising opportunities in the fall but we have an immediate need for some donations to help us get the ball rolling and fund part of our initial payments toward the trip. Our first fundraising goal is to raise \$6000 to offset one of the first payments that will be due this summer. If you are so inclined to support this once-in-a-lifetime project, you may do so by sending a check to Calvary with "Choir New York Trip" in the memo line. Stay tuned for updates on our plans and progress!

FREEZER MEALS

There is a need for a few freezer meals here at Calvary for pastors to take on visits to those in need. If you would be willing to make one and drop it off at Calvary let us know! Talk to Nichole through the church office with questions. Thank you for considering, and we always appreciate your help!

VOLUNTEER & LEARN

Learn, grow, and give back!

ETHIOPIA READS THANKS CALVARY!

Friends of Ethiopia Reads (ER) would like to thank Calvary Lutheran Church for their continued support of our mission to enhance children's literacy in Ethiopia. Calvary's support began in 2007 by hosting an authentic Ethiopian dinner and fundraiser. Over the years Calvary continued sharing their facilities for American Girl fundraisers and used book sales. Many Calvary members donated time, energy, and money to these events.

Finally, we would like to thank the Calvary Foundation. Since 2009, Calvary has awarded Ethiopia Reads grants for needs such as shipping books; support for school libraries in the Somali region of Ethiopia and the capitol of Addis Ababa; printing and distributing local language books; and training for Ethiopian school librarians. Friends of Ethiopia Reads are so grateful for this generous level of support.

Today Ethiopia Reads has set up 80 school libraries, last year printed and distributed 100,000 local language books, and continues to train Ethiopian librarians. This year Ethiopia Reads hosted the first Children's Reading Summit in Addis Ababa.

Ethiopia Reads has planted seeds of hope for children and their families in this far away country through efforts such as Calvary. Matthew 25:40 says, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



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BAPTISM CLASS

June 27 @ 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!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

We would like to welcome the members of Calvary in our prayer mission, informing them of this volunteer group of Calvary members, who actively pray for known prayer concerns. This has been accomplished through messages and concerns received by volunteers and dissemination through the church office. We are aware that we may be missing many members' prayer concerns, so are offering this awareness and the opportunity to be involved.

Using the word of God as guidance, as found in Matthew 7:7 "ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." We are actively looking to create a greater awareness of God in our daily lives through prayer.

We are looking to facilitate this effort through better identification of prayer concerns: 1) cards to write concerns on, 2) designated area to deposit concerns, i.e. prayer wall or box, 3) follow-up report – possibly in church newsletter, and perhaps a designated prayer room or area. Please know the Calvary family of God is there for all who need or ask for prayer. If you are interested in joining this group, please call or text Char Holy (701-740-9452) or Lisa Thompson (218-230-0751), as they share the leadership of this group. We are looking for anyone who would be interested in joining our prayer ministry via prayer chain.

We could send/receive prayer requests via phone call, text message, or e-mail, whichever would be preferred.

Highlights of the
CHURCH COUNCIL
May 2019



Treasurer's Report - Overview

April's income was just under 5% lower than the prior year. While there were timing similarities such as Easter occurring in April of both years which can affect monthly income, there were also timing differences such as the "double day" in the prior year and a large yearly gift received in the current year that also affect income on a monthly level.

Noisy Offering in April was collected in the amount of \$4,000 for Feed My Starving Children. April was a busy month at Calvary. The youth hosted the "Totally Tables" event which included music by Paint the Town, a served meal, silent auction, games, and a variety of fun, decorated tables. On Easter morning, kids were invited to an Easter egg hunt when they arrived at worship. Activities at Calvary closed out with a concert by the Unforgettables Choir followed by lunch.

Year-to-date income through April was \$28,000 lower than prior year and \$16,600 lower when comparing with the five-year average. Expenses through April were \$16,000 lower than the prior year and \$7,600 higher than the five-year average. Our continued goal as Calvary leaders is to continue to share all the good things happening at Calvary!

Council Business

Jackie Spiros has given her resignation after serving Calvary faithfully for 28 years. There is going to be a reception between services on June 9 to honor her.

April was a busy month with Lenten and Holy Week services; the youth event Totally Tables; an Easter egg hunt, and the Unforgettables concert and many funerals.

The pastors and a few council members will be attending the Synod Assembly June 7-9 in Fargo.

Officers and Ministry Teams

A new website is currently in the works. It will be much more user friendly on smart phones and tablets and has the ability to have an e-commerce site so registrations and fees can be maintained more easily. New members were received on May 5 and 16. Twenty-two adults and four children joined Calvary at that time. There was also an introduction of council members that day. The education team and the youth team, and Vice President of Life & Growth, Mike McLean, are in the process of reimagining Calvary's needs and filling the Youth Ministry Coordinator position and the Christian Education Coordinator position. The coordinator of education will be responsible for both Sunday School and Wednesday School. The Youth Ministry Coordinator will be in charge of both our youth program and our confirmation ministry. If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about either position, there are job descriptions in the church office and applications are due to Kirk Meseck by June 10.

CALVARY 
SUMMER SCHEDULE

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.

OUR RECORD OF PARTICIPATION

OFFERINGS

4/21/19	19,317.45
4/28/19	13,392.06
5/5/19	15,519.40
5/12/19	18,721.87

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 **\$988,242.73**

Baptisms:

- 4-28-19 Allie Mae Hanson child of Timothy and Brooke Hanson
4-28-19 Triton Aylwin Petsinger child of Taylor and Fallon Petsinger
4-28-19 Leo Timothy Hart child of Joseph and Kara Hart
5-5-19 Reese Marie Abrahamson child of Kelly and Kayle Abrahamson

Our Prayers & Christian Sympathy To:

- Matt Vanderpan whose dad, Norman Vanderoan, died April 30.
Dorothy Bina whose sister, and Susan Hodnefield whose mother, Ruth Johnson, died April 29.
Larry McLaren whose mother, Luella McLaren, died May 12.
The family of Basil Tweten, who died May 14.
Everett Knudsvig whose brother, Donovan Ekeland, died May 10.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

QUILTING

- In memory of Shirley Kvidt by Mel and Kathleen Hertel, Lori Johnson, Maurice and Janet Sorlien, James and Renee Lies, Ted and Alyson White, LeRoy and Judith Sondrol, Dave and Jane Gunther, Gary and Britta Helland, Jay Jelani, Mike and Dick Evers
In memory of Fern Yon by Lucille Teigen

SANCTUARY PROJECTOR FUND

- In memory of Del Soderberg by Juel and Jan Hilde
In memory of Doug Norgard by Darlene Bowman, Marilyn Lundberg, Ruth Larson
In memory of Shirley Kvidt by Juel and Jan Hilde
In memory of Carol Sondreal by Juel and Jan Hilde
In memory of Dick Jackson by Juel and Jan Hilde

SENIOR CHOIR

- In memory LeRoy Kurtyka by Brian and Lori Baglien

STEPHEN MINISTRY

- In memory of Dick Jackson by Edith Soli

In memory of Doug McPhail by Mary Ann Devig

TECHNOLOGY FUND

In memory of Del Soderberg by Everett and Karen Knudsvig

UNFORGETTABLES CHOIR

In memory of Dick Jackson by Budd and Nona Wennersten
In memory of Roger Sundby by Budd and Nona Wennersten

MEMORY CAFÉ

In memory of Edward Lloyd by William and Carol Richmond, Michael Voglewede, Perkins Honey Farm, Sylvia Cochran, Gregg Halverson, Marjorie Gillespie, Richard and Yvonne Mandt, Janice Anderson, Roger and Susan King, Marlyns Kunz, Susan Lloyd, Lester and Judith Wheeler, Teri Kunz, Robert and Paulette Deutsch, Ted and Elizabeth Sandberg, Judy and Paul Korsmo, Carol Luecke, Gilman and Betty Beck, Rodney and Gladys Peterson, Gerald and Joann Uglem, Jon and Deb Robinett
In memory of Harold Holte by Arden and Irene Shores

FUNDS AS OF MAY 2019

Youth	77,819.50
Honduras Mission	23,419.42
Family Mission	497.22
Good Sam	7,145.47
Altar Guild	3,025.78
Refugee	5,994.87
Pastor's Cont Ed	3,727.13
Campership	1,921.08
Music	5,889.87
Library	2,401.26
Lutheran College	0.00
Undesignated Memorials	42,633.44
Landscaping	1,113.71
Contemporary Worship	1,728.80
Education	11,262.25
Fine Arts	1,826.28
Program Development	97.18
Missions	46,569.15
Unforgettables Choir	4,573.73
Prayer Chain	7,447.73
Hymnal & Bible Fund	2,123.80
Adoption Awareness	1,723.85
Coffee Shop	440.09
Columbarium	17,098.56
Support Services	18,452.42
Stephen Ministry	933.75
Operation Technology	9,245.28
Organ/Piano	1,210.89
General Maintenance	2,053.73
Seminary	2,815.95
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	406.91
Building Expansion	144,248.52
Hearing Aid Loop	2,037.00
Furnace	100.00

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 p.m. Please register in the Education Office or online!

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. Please register in the Education Office or online.

Early registration is helpful and now is the best time to register!

JACKIE SPIROS RETIREMENT

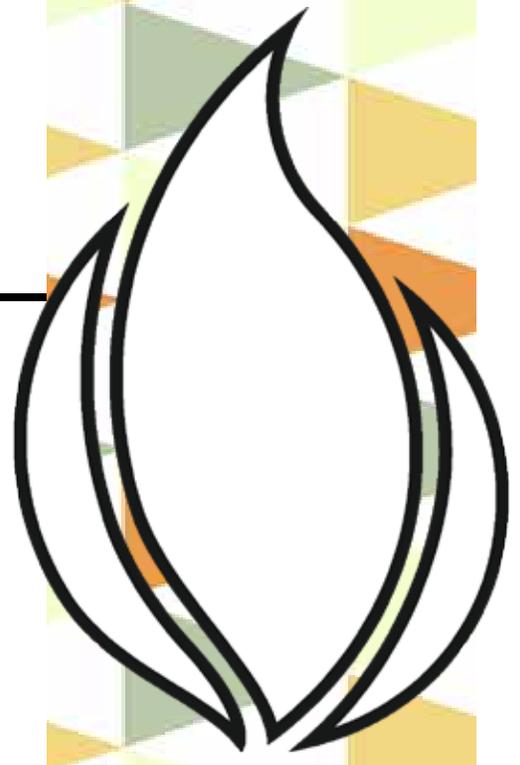
Please join us for a retirement reception to honor and thank Jackie Spiros for 28 years of dedicated service to Calvary. Sunday, June 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. (in between services) in the Narthex.



Please feel free to bring a card, or use one of our blank notes, to thank Jackie Spiros for her service. Baskets and blank notes will be set up in the back of each worship space. Let's shower Jackie with love as we honor her for everything she has done for Calvary!

JOB OPENINGS

The education team and the youth team are now accepting applications for the Youth Ministry Coordinator position and the Christian Education Coordinator position. The coordinator of education will be responsible for both Sunday School and Wednesday School. The Youth Ministry Coordinator will be in charge of both our youth program and our confirmation ministry. If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about either position, there are job descriptions in the church office and applications are due to Kirk Meseck by June 10.



JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>Food Drive Sunday</p> <p>8:00 am Coffeehouse Worship</p> <p>9:00 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3:00 pm Youth Book Club</p> <p>7:00 pm Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins</p> <p>7:00 pm Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>12:00 pm Capital Campaign Mtg.</p> <p>2:00 pm Mapleview Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:30 pm Sewing Club</p> <p>7:00 pm Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Synod Assembly</p>	<p>1</p> <p>_____ 8</p> <p>Synod Assembly</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:00 am Coffeehouse Worship</p> <p>9:00 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Jackie Retirement Reception</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p> <p>Synod Assembly</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3:00 pm Youth Book Club</p> <p>6:00 pm Worship Team</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins</p> <p>6:00 pm Finance Team</p> <p>7:00 pm Council</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am Coffee & Conversation</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 pm Bunco</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Men's Retreat</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Men's Retreat</p> <p>10:00 am Knit/Crochet</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:00 am Coffeehouse Worship</p> <p>9:00 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:00 pm Youth Book Club</p> <p>6:00 pm HS Mission Trip Mtg.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins</p> <p>7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 am Coffee & Conversation</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1:30 pm Sewing Club</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:00 am Coffeehouse Worship</p> <p>9:00 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3:00 pm Youth Book Club</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins</p> <p>9:30 am Quilting & Potluck</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 am Coffee & Conversation</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30 pm Baptism Class</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:00 am Coffeehouse Worship</p> <p>9:00 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>						

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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