



# CALVARY CALLING

News that serves and ignites people for Christ

July 2022



We are devoting the cover this month to the Vacation Bible School Food Truck Party that Calvary hosted at the beginning of June! Monday through Wednesday of that week, families gathered to learn, play and grow together in Faith. We learned about God meeting our needs and listening to God's call to help meet the needs of others. Lastly, we worked together to praise God for the blessings in our lives. God is great, God is good, and we thank God for our food.

We ended the week with an actual Food Truck Party in the Calvary parking lot. Vacation Bible School families, congregation members and people from the neighborhood and community gathered with a food truck dinner and dessert thanks to a grant by the Calvary Foundation.

We heard from you it was an amazing way to invite friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues to experience our church and we thought it was so fun to come together with so many of you from all different worship services. God is good.







### *There's a place for you at Calvary!*

St. Paul wrote: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child, then also an heir, through God. *-Galatians 4:4-7*

Calvary Lutheran has been given this message of belonging by the power of God's Holy Spirit to recognize, protect and celebrate with all who have been 'orphaned' in this world. This world where our differences, not God's demand to be merciful, define us way too often. Check out two good examples of what I believe God has in mind for those who value God's demand of mercy over the many ways we use differences to navigate our collective path through life.

**1** Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 protects the rights of persons with handicaps in programs and activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Section 504 protects the rights not only of individuals with visible disabilities but also those with disabilities that may not be apparent. (U.S. Dept. of Education, Office for Civil Rights)

**2** Title IX is the most commonly used name for the federal civil rights law in the U.S. that was passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. It prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school that receives federal funding.

These two historic mandates, enforced by the loss of federal funding, literally changed the way the U.S. treated both vulnerable people (Section 504) and half the population (Title IX). The "obvious" differences between non-disabled individuals and those with disabilities can no longer be a reason to discriminate. And in the same way, the "obvious" differences between males and females can no longer be a reason to discriminate.

When we look back on these federal mandates, how did the law of showing mercy to disabled people, in any way, harm able-bodied folks? Again, how did ramping up female funding harm the male athletic programs? Or, on the other hand, did these new expectations change not just those in need of support, but both groups? Have there even been any mutual benefits from these "new" arrangements? Were these measures worth doing in the first place? In other words, what was lost?

Calvary Lutheran Church is opening its arms, not just waving people in, but embracing all those who have been discriminated against and those who have made hard and fast distinctions between them and us. St. Paul wrote in the opening Bible verse that we are indeed **ALL** orphans looking for chances to belong. I hope and pray God's Spirit, whose table we sit around, is much bigger than simply *some* of us (more like **ALL** of us) so that our shock would awaken a grace in our bones. How can you open your arms to those who have been counted out? Come, Lord Jesus. Called by God. Centered in Grace. Calvary Serves and Ignites People for Christ.

# Calvary CONNECTS



## GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



### QUILTING DAY & POTLUCK

July 26 @ 9:30 am

Join us on the last Tuesday of the month for Calvary's Quilting Day. A potluck lunch is served at 12:00 noon. Come for an hour or two or the day.

### SEWING CLUB

July 7 & 21 @ 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.

### KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

Join us July 16 @ 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!

### HOLY HAPPY HOUR

July 19 @ 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 chat about what's on your heart and mind.

### READING RELIGIOUSLY

July 17 @ 6:00 pm

This group reads a contemporary story and together unpacks religious themes and where God is present among the characters and stories. Join us at the Blue Moose. This month's book choice is *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn. For questions about the group contact Pastor Ivy.

### HOSPITAL/VISITATION

Due to HIPPA regulations, Altru Health System is no longer able to provide Pastors with a "Lutheran List" of inpatients. Please let us know if you or a loved one is admitted so we can support you! Contact the pastors or our Parish Nurse, Mary Ann if you have questions!

### FAMILY SWIM NIGHT

July 14 @ 5:30 pm

Let's jump into summer fun, Thursday, July 14 for a family swim night at the Elks pool from 5:30-7:30 pm. Questions? Contact Nichole through the church office.

### LEAD JOURNEY TEAM UPDATE

The congregational survey conducted by the LEAD Journey team brought in some promising results for us. There are four 'types' of congregations categorized in this resource: Growing, Becoming, Out-of-breath, and Stalled. Our results fell into the Becoming bracket with the Growing category being a VERY close second. Here is what it means to be a 'Becoming' congregation:

BECOMING Congregations are leading to live.

They are:

- Discovering their purpose and values
- Learning to be community-centric
- Have highly committed leaders
- Worship and music may be indigenous to the community
- Vision leads finances and staffing, governance is missional

The LEAD Journey team is moving into the next phase of listening by planning to facilitate focus groups. These groups will consist of leadership teams at Calvary being given the opportunity to answer a set of three questions and then doing the same thing with sets of people across all demographics of people at Calvary to include representation from all worship spaces, times, and styles. If you'd like to be part of one of the groups that gets to answer these questions, let one of the pastors know and we will make sure that you get connected with the LEAD team.

# Highlights of the **CHURCH COUNCIL**

## **FINANCE**

May's income was received at a higher level than the prior year. There were no specific gifts that increased the giving for the month, just an overall increase in the monthly giving.

Each month at Calvary, there are a number of events that fill the church calendar. Some of Calvary's May events were the Unforgettables spring choir concert, a pie auction to benefit Ukraine, pastor-led worship at Maple View Memory Care, seven grants awarded through Calvary's Foundation, Honduras rummage sale, and confirmation students and mentors serving Love Feast.

Income through May was 4% (\$14,800) lower than the five-year average and expenses were 16% (\$79,000) higher than the five-year average. As we are all aware in our own lives, costs of most products continue to increase, and Calvary is also seeing increased costs in all parts of our ministry. As we enter the summer months where many of us are enjoying the warmer weather and are often away from Calvary, we pray for continued support for the church through individual's time, talents, and treasures.

## **CALL TO ORDER DEVOTION OLD BUSINESS**

Digitizing of the membership into Planning Center was successful. Planning Center is the system that our staff has been implementing for a year now. We use it for registrations, event sign up, worship planning and much more. Adding the active members into this program was a key step before we launch the Calvary Church Center app for those who want to keep updated that way. Thank you to Jim Stoley for helping us with the merging. The Honduras rummage sale raised \$24,000 for the support of the food/medical program in Honduras. Updates about the future of this team will be brought to council when there is information to share. Rethinking the structure this ministry and it's fundrasing is on the table as travel in country gets more strict and difficult for outsiders.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Report from Synod Assembly: Erin read the 2 resolutions and she and pastors helped explain both. Open conversation and dialogue about the RIC process. Council will review Reconciling Works website and in July we will continue with dialogue in July. Pastor Ivy brought the LEAD Journey team to review the congregation survey. We are close to a "growing" congregation type, currently aligned with "becoming" type of congregation.

## **COMMITTEE**

Youth fall retreats are on the calendar for September for synod youth grades 6-9. Roof Bid Update - 27 year old roof has been patched too many times and in need of replacement, per 2 different companies' recommendations. Quotes coming in from CL Linfoot & Skinner. CL Linfoot came in at a base of \$78,000.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Pastor Ivy shared the news that a congregation in Texas will be voting to call her at the end of June. While we are sad, we get to celebrate and wish her well on her next adventure at a BBQ in the parking lot on August 16. We are working with the office to get this information out to the congregation.



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**Next Council Meeting: July 12 at 7:00 pm**

# A letter from PASTOR IVY

(A copy of the congregational letter from  
June 23)

Dear Calvary,

As people of faith, we believe God is at work in all things. Sometimes those things are planned, and we expect them. Others come about in ways we don't have the means to predict. We have lived through a pandemic together, and you have loved me through my mother's death. Thank you for your care, kindness, and encouragement in those painful things. And again, as people of faith, we believe in new, resurrected life, and I am living into that promise at this stage of my life.

On Sunday, June 26, my name will be brought forward to a two-point parish in the Texas/Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA. We anticipate that this vote will be in the affirmative, and as such, my time here at Calvary will be coming to a close in August. My last Sunday will be August 7, but I will continue work through the middle of the month as I try to tie up loose ends before moving.

### *Here are a few things I would like you to know:*

- I love being a pastor at Calvary. I love the people in this congregation, the staff and this community. I am not leaving because of anything other than living into the call I feel.
- I am listening to the Holy Spirit and taking my promises seriously. When I was ordained, I promised God and the church that I would go where I was called. The hard part of this is being called from somewhere to go elsewhere. Goodbyes stink!
- Calvary is an amazing place that grows pastors and church leaders. There is nothing at Calvary that causes pastors not to stay. It is not an intrinsic flaw that cannot be identified and solved. Calvary stands on its own and is not "so and so's" church. It is your church. The Holy Spirit works in different ways, and an opportunity has been brought to me that is a grand adventure for my husband and I, and we feel called to go.

With this news, there may come sadness, anger, confusion, disappointment, and maybe for some people, joy. I am right there with you in all of these emotions - sometimes, they all happen simultaneously. In times like these, we have the promises of God.

What is sad becomes joy, what is disappointing becomes hopeful. It has been a joy to serve with this congregation. I have learned with you, from you, and have been encouraged by you. I am a better pastor because of you.

In our remaining time together, I hope for hugs, expect to shed copious amounts of tears, and am hoping for your prayers. Will you give thanks with me for four years of ministry together (through a pandemic!!!). And will you promise to trust God into the future as Calvary continues to become the place God has called it to be?

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ivy Schulz



# OFFERINGS



5/15/22	20,799.57
5/23/22	7,626.90
5/30/22	8,795.50
6/5/22	8,928.40
6/12/22	16,380.67

# BUDGET/LOAN



## 2022 Budget 1,174,369

Offerings through 6/14/22 361,942

Expenses through 6/14/22 511,680

## Balance of Building Expansion Loan

as of June 30, 2022 679,563.47

# MEMORIALS

## BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

In memory of **Clara Laughline** by Lawrence and Jeanette Brokke

In memory of **Carol Tweten** by Dann and Cris Johnson, Joel and Carolyn Tangen, John and Jackie Knudson, Jerry and Mar-dell Humble, David and Marian Hanson, Jerry and Kay Flom, George and Irene Wald, Michael and Nanci Olson, Marilyn Lundberg, Paul and Lois Gillespie, Richard and Laura Block, Ralph and Cynthia Melgard, Mark and Julie Amundson, Robert and Nancy Stroh, Ted and Tamara Schirck, William and Cheryl Zososki, Dagny Tweten, Michael and Paulette Schaefer, Dal-las and Beth Kopp, George and Suzanne Whalen, Cordy and Judy Tharp, Chris and Stacey Urbaniak, Mary Ann Soderberg, Glen and Kim Arnold, Wayne and Shawn Spidah, Ruth Nord, Merle and Michelle Forde, Robert and Jeanine Peabody, Jerry and Cynthia Cochran, Michael and Tammy Sandry, Timothy and Coleen Tweten, Andrew and Joybeth Olson, Christopher and Linda Becker, Edith Soli, Roberta Zick, James and Jolene Brosseau, Devera Warcup, Cornel and Joani Kilber, Mary Jane Halverson, Ronald Apanian, Lowell and Lora Machart, Scott and Jodi Boettner, Eleanor Foss, William and Julie Brodeur, Robert and Janis Leach, John Warcup, Mark and Gloria San-ford, Gregg Schaefer, Paul and Marsha Waind, Dick Walsh Construction, Ronica Lillehaugen, Ilene Anderson, Mark and Gloria Sanford

In memory of **Stan and Dorothy Hoistad** by Evelyn Hensrud

In memory of **Suzanne Kime** by John and Shawna Peterson

In memory of **Elsie Asche** by Robert and Myrna Bower

In memory of Jan Strinden by Marilyn Lundberg

## FOUNDATION FUND

In memory of **Carol Tweten** by Larry and Ellen Hoiberg, James and Pamela Jubie

# FOUNDATION GRANTS

## GOOD SAM

In memory of **Suzanne Kime** by Calvary Lutheran Church Women

In memory of **Carol Tweten** by Calvary Lutheran Church Women

## LEWIS & CLARK PARTNERSHIP

In honor of Jan Kurtyka's retirement by Art and Kay Culver

## LIBRARY FUND

In memory of **Suzanne Kime** by Kathy McCue

In memory of **Carol Tweten** by Kathy McCue

## SANCTUARY SCREEN

In memory of **Kay Johnson** by Juel and Jan Hilde

In memory of **Suzanne Kime** by Juel and Jan Hilde

In memory of **Jerry Shern** by Juel and Jan Hilde

In memory of **Carol Tweten** by Juel and Jan Hilde

# FUND BALANCES

Youth	82,880.36
Honduras Mission	27,941.55
Foundation	810,166.46
Good Sam	203.06
Refugee	5,994.87
Campership	2,519.97
Music	5,600.27
Library	2,998.57
Undesignated Memorials	42,633.44
Landscaping	56.98
Contemporary Worship	10.14
Education	7,865.08
Fine Arts	2,201.28
Missions	28,443.63
Memory Café	6,022.23
Unforgettables Choir	4,163.48
Prayer Chain	12,618.50
LaGrave on First	939.73
Lewis & Clark Partnership	6,022.20
Hymnal & Bible Fund	1,517.30
Coffee Shop	(784.43)
Columbarium	28,670.98
Stephen Ministry	1,033.75
Operation Technology	9,913.01
Organ/Piano	694.29
General Maintenance	2,313.86
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	576.91
Hearing Aid Loop	4,137.00
Furnace	0.00
Carpet	0.00
Building Expansion	309,425.93
Seminary	1,703.95



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Communications: Meghan Olson  
Education: Nichole Bye  
Youth: Morgan Olson  
Congregational Life: Julie Pedersen  
Tech Coordinator: Marcus Vivier  
Building: Danny Navarro

**SUMMER  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

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

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

**(9:00 Traditional Worship ONLY on July 3)**

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# Youth and CONFIRMATION

## CAMP SPOTLIGHT

### CONFIRMATION CAMP

Eight Calvary students traveled to Camp Metigoshe for Confirmation Camp last week!

We spent the week having an *Adventure Anchored in Christ* and also dove into our Confirmation curriculum where we learned about the Sacraments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, and more!



### CAMPERSHIPS

Calvary is excited to be sponsoring over 20 camperships to kids this summer! Camperships are available for students attending Bible camps this summer. Calvary offers a \$100 per camper-there are more funds available, if needed. We will communicate with the camp and make a payment to the camper's account! Don't forget, if you attend camp you can earn credits toward your confirmation-so don't forget to let us know!

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will continue throughout the summer! Keep an eye out for the 2022-2023 Program Guide-headed to a mailbox near you!

### LEGO LEAGUE

July 11-21

We are excited to be launching out First Lego League Explore! For students ages 6-10. We will be tackling the Boomtown Build! Sign up in the church office or contact Morgan or Marcus through the church office with questions.

### ALBUQUERQUE, NM SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

July 24-30

Nineteen High School students will travel to Albuquerque, NM this summer for an experience to travel, listen, learn, and connect. Our group will partner with different community agencies and organizations to learn and assist with the varied needs to this complex and diverse city. We will learn about the city's history, explore, serve, and have some fun along the way! We invite you to pray for these students as they learn, grow, serve and deepen their faith.

### PARK RIVER BIBLE DAYCAMP

August 4

Kids entering Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to spend the day at Park River Bible Camp! We will leave Calvary at 9am for a fun filled day of Bible studies: games, crafts, singing, water games, sliding down the Super Slide, and more!. Bring a swimming suit and towel. Register online or contact Morgan or Nichole through the church office to sign up!



Scan here with your phone to register now.







### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

God is great, God is good, let us thank God for our food! Vacation Bible school was "On a Roll" with great music, crafts, games, science, food trucks and the Good News of God's BIG love. It was so much fun seeing our kids, families and volunteers spend the week learning and having fun together.

We capped off our time with a real live Food Truck Party in the Calvary parking lot! We are so thankful for the Calvary Foundation grant that made this community event possible!

### FAMILY SWIM NIGHT

Let's jump into summer fun, Thursday, July 14 for a family swim night at the Elks pool from 5:30-7:30 pm.

### SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Readers in grades 3-5, we invite you to join us for Calvary's Summer Book Club! We will be diving into the mystery book *Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo. Join us for activities, snacks and discussion from 2:00-4:00 pm.

### ART CAMP FOR KIDS

Calling all artists! Calvary is hosting an Art Camp. We are excited to welcome artist Sister Michelle Walka Director of Beloved Art and Practice to lead us as we explore different art mediums and let our creativity shine! Sessions are divided by age group. Don't forget to wear clothes that can get messy. Sign up is FREE and a snack will be provided.

4-6 years old- 9:00- 11:30 am

7-11 years old- 2:00- 4:30 pm

Artists will hold a special Art Show after 10:30 worship on Sunday, August 21.

### UPCOMING SUMMER DATES

August 4 | Park River Day Camp

August 18 | Art Camp for Kids

August 21 | Backpack Blessing Sunday



# 4 WAYS TO Give

## TEXT



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701-922-9020

## ONLINE



GIVE ONLINE AT  
[CALVARYGF.ORG](http://CALVARYGF.ORG)

## IN WORSHIP



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THE OFFERING PLATE

## MAIL



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CALVARY

## GENEROUS PEOPLE LIVE IT LARGE

A Spirit of Generosity



*“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.”*

- Proverbs 11:24-25

Have you ever noticed that?

If you've ever watched the Christmas Carol you'll see what happened when Scrooge turns from a miserable self-centered banker sitting alone to count his money to the exact opposite; a grateful and generous giver starts seeing the needs of those around him. He went from living a small stingy life to living a wide open generous life overnight.

Obviously this is a story of two extremes but we see here in Proverbs that generosity is the key to a wide open spacious life – it gets you thinking outside of yourself and brings a real freedom and a joy.

So whether it be with your finances, your time or your energy – start saying **yes** to be generous and endless possibilities will open up, your world will indeed get bigger.

## STEWARDSHIP OUTSIDE THE OFFERING PLATE

Happy summer! I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer season thus far. It always seems to go by so fast!

### ONE BODY

In the last newsletter, I talked about how we can think about stewardship not just financially, but outside of the offering plate as well. This month, let's focus on being stewards of the bodies and life that God has given us. God gave us one life to live in our bodies, so let's take care of it! When it's nice outside, it's so much easier to be active; take walks, go for a bike ride, or jump on the trampoline with your kids! It's also easier to eat healthy in the summer with the fresh fruits and vegetables that are available. This month, intentionally pray about some ways you can be a faithful steward to the body God gave you.

### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

We would welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the stewardship committee, no experience is necessary! If you are interested or want to know more, you can speak with Pastors Kirk, Ivy, or Aaron; or you can contact me at [erica.sundby@gmail.com](mailto:erica.sundby@gmail.com)  
Erica Sundby



## RESOLUTION # 2 Called to Welcome All People

- WHEREAS,** the Eastern North Dakota Synod adopted a resolution at the 1989 Synod Assembly affirming full participation for gay and lesbian members in our congregations and affirmed its commitment to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) individuals at the 2013 Synod Assembly; and
- WHEREAS,** Reconciling in Christ is a designation for ELCA congregations and ministries that have voted to be welcoming to LGBTQIA+ individuals of all ages and their families who desire full community in Christ; and
- WHEREAS,** the recent North Dakota LGBTQIA+ School Climate Report released in November 2021 (see \* below) notes that over 60% of our LGBTQIA+ youth have seriously considered taking their own lives and one third of our LGBTQIA+ youth have actually attempted to take their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** when Jesus was invited to answer the question, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus answered, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest commandment. And a second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:36-40); and
- WHEREAS,** in 2009, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted a HUMAN SEXUALITY: GIFT AND TRUST (ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENT) which states in part that the ELCA supports all forms of legislation and policies to protect civil rights and to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, and public services; (see \*\* below); therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that congregations are encouraged to seek out ways to become truly welcoming communities for all, especially those who have suffered alienation and harm because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, offering them hope and safe harbor in our world; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that congregations are encouraged to engage in discussions within their churches about these issues and to consider exploring the Reconciling in Christ process; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that members of the Eastern North Dakota Synod individually and through the work of their congregations, look for opportunities to show their support for the care and protection of LGBTQIA+ people through members' baptismal vocations, our church's institutional practices, and public policies in our communities and state.

Submitted by the Eastern North Dakota Synod Advocacy and Action Team, LGBTQ+ Focus Group

**ADDENDUM:**  
\* <https://www.communitypfliftprogram.org/about>

\*\* "While Lutherans hold various convictions regarding lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships, this church is united on many critical issues. It opposes all forms of verbal or physical harassment and assault based on sexual orientation. It supports legislation and policies to protect civil rights and to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, and public services. It has called upon congregations and members to welcome, care for, and support same-gender couples and their families and to advocate for their legal protection. The ELCA recognizes that it has a pastoral responsibility to all children of God...it therefore follows that the ELCA reaffirms its interest in and responsibility for the care and protection of vulnerable children and youth. It understands itself as called to this mission through the vocations of its members, its own institutional practices, and its public policy positions. This work involves all adults, not only parents, since all contribute to the well-being of children and youth in untold creative ways. It understands that all children and youth, both inside and outside the church, are deserving of this church's concern."

## RESOLUTION # 3 Love Your Neighbor as Yourself: Welcoming Refugees and Immigrants

- WHEREAS,** there are more than 26 million refugees in the world today and less than 1% have a chance for resettlement, and
- WHEREAS,** the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to approve a memorial that declares the ELCA a sanctuary church, committed to serving and supporting migrant children and families in communities across the country, and
- WHEREAS,** Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has welcomed more than 500,000 refugees and migrants over their 80-year history with a legacy of compassionate service that has helped people find safety and hope in America, and
- WHEREAS,** this history reflects the deep immigrant roots and passionate commitment of Lutherans in the United States to welcoming the newcomer to our country, and
- WHEREAS,** more refugees will be coming to our country as violence continues in our world and people flee their countries seeking shelter and safety, and
- WHEREAS,** Jesus was a refugee (Matthew 2:13-23) and commanded us to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:36-40); therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that each congregation in our synod commit to having someone in their congregation monitor the LIRS website for current news affecting immigrants and refugees and advocate for refugees by sharing this information within your congregation; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that each congregation in our synod commit to at least one financial donation to LIRS within the year and consider looking for other ways to partner or volunteer to assist with the work of LIRS; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that each congregation in our synod commit to seeking out resources from LIRS and providing at least one educational opportunity to their congregation in the next year regarding immigration.

Submitted by the Eastern North Dakota Synod Advocacy and Action Team, Immigration/Refugee Focus Group

### ADDENDUM:

- Learn more about who is a refugee, who is an asylum-seeker, and who is a migrant, or
- Provide the LIRS 6-session Bible study "Transformed Communications: Freed and Empowered for Radical Welcome," or
- Invite a resettled refugee to share their personal story with your congregation, or
- Host a prayer vigil in celebration of World Refugee Day through the LIRS Stand Up Speak Up program, or
- Write holiday cards for children and families impacted by immigration detention with the LIRS program Hope for the Holidays, or
- Discern a congregation's call to welcome through LIRS EMMAUS: Congregational Discernment, a 3-part bible study and discussion guide, or
- Consider sponsoring a refugee or family coming through LIRS, and help them financially and through volunteer activities with their resettlement, or
- Learn more about the countries where refugees are coming from through the LIRS Gather program; and be it further

**The Calvary council and pastors asked that these resolutions and addendums from this year's Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly be shared with the congregation so there is an idea of what was shared with the council by this year's synod assembly delegates. If you have questions on these or anything else from synod assembly reach out to our council president, Erin Navarro, or any of the Calvary Pastors.**

# JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed 6:00 pm Metigoshe Campers Return	2
3 9:00 am Traditional Worship (one worship service due to holiday weekend)	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 5:30 pm Holy Questions	6 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 2:00 pm Maple View Worship 5:30 pm Bio Girls	7 1:30 pm Sewing Club	8 Office Closed	9
10 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 5:30 pm LaGrave Meal	11 1:00 pm Lego League 7:30 pm Podcast Discussion Group	12 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 1:00 pm Lego League 5:30 pm Holy Questions 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Council	13 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 1:00 pm Lego League 5:30 pm Bio Girls	14 1:00 pm Lego League 2:00 pm Summer Book Club 5:30 pm Family Swim Night	15 Office Closed	16 10:00 am Knit/Crochet
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