



# CALVARY CALLING

News that serves and ignites people for Christ

July 2023



Creator God  
who breathed this world into being,  
who is discernible within  
the harmony of nature,  
the perfection of a butterfly's wing,  
the grandeur of a mountain range,  
the soaring eagle and humming bird,  
thank you for this world  
which you have created.  
Thank you for summer sun,  
which reminds us  
that your creative breath  
is still alive and active.  
Thank you for the warmth of your  
love, sustaining this world.

*-A summer prayer by  
faithandworship.com.*

Come  
As  You  
Are

In our joys, in our struggles and in  
everything in between, we come to  
this place knowing God is with us.

## Summer Worship

10:00 am | Fellowship Hall

This summer we have condensed  
our normal two worship services  
down to one due to a variety of  
projects going on in the Sanctuary,  
most notably being the roof repair.  
Now that the roof repair is finished,  
we are able to work on completing  
the other projects that are needed  
to be prepared for Kick-Off Sunday.

If you are away this summer or just  
cannot make it to service, you can  
check out our facebook page or go  
to [calvarygf.org](http://calvarygf.org) and click on wor-  
ship now to watch the service live.  
We do archive all our services, so if  
you miss it, you can always go back  
and watch it.

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR KIRK



*"But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 5:20-21).*

Probably the number one reason the summer months in the Grand Forks region gets so wonderfully celebrated stems from the "other season" that will not be spoken of. Yes, there's a certain beauty and rhythm that takes place from November to April, but let's get real, summer is a beloved time.

As I'm getting my summer on, I was saddened by a recent story that told of a religious leader using the phrase, "the law of God," to justify excluding a group of people from gathering in his local jurisdiction (in this case a church building). Who these members happened to be wasn't what I found disturbing. Actually my surprise and my sadness was the religious reason the leader used to assert God's law clearly excludes others. I also couldn't help but notice what was revealed in such an official, religiously legal, pronouncement.

In an opposing account from 2,000 years ago, the devout Torah follower turned Christian theologian, St. Paul, reminds us how easily humans, especially religious leaders, speak and act too confidently about using the law of God to be an instrument of exclusion – after all, he was one of those leaders early on. The reason Paul repented of his use of God's law to kick members out was because Jesus opened his eyes to not only the plight of tossed out people but how these people are key to God's grace on behalf of the abusers! How does that make any sense?

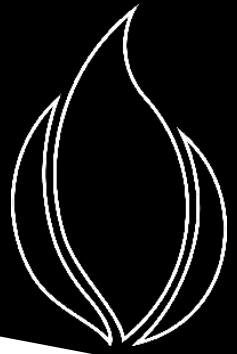
In other words, those people we tend to treat as foreign or disturbed or just plain wrong, God doesn't. Biblically speaking now, from Psalm 118:22-23 to Matthew 21:42 to Acts 4:7 to I Peter 2:7, we read these words, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone."

May God's Spirit crash into our lives ala Paul (Acts 9) this beautiful summer, creating new hearts that not only notice all who are rejected by society, including the church, but to be converted through them! This is resurrection living!

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Connect with People at Church



# Calvary CONNECTS



## **ALL AGES BOOK CLUB**

**July 6 @ 6 pm**

Our book club is open to people of all ages. We come together to discuss one book per month. The book that we are reading, *When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed, is located in the office. \$10 per book.

## **MEAL MINISTRY AT LAGRAVE ON FIRST**

On the second Sunday of every month, Calvary cooks a meal for the residents of LaGrave on First, a housing program for the chronically homeless. Calvary is up to cook a meal for LaGrave again on Sunday, July 9. If you are interested in helping cook a dish for this meal, please contact Julie in the church office. We are looking for volunteers to cook a main dish, a side dish, a fruit or vegetable, and a dessert. The residents are very grateful for their evening meals so let me know what your favorite things to cook are, and we'll work them into a meal!

## **LEWIS AND CLARK FLOAT INTO SUMMER**

The Float into Summer book fair at Lewis and Clark was a huge success. The children loved choosing their books and taking them home to keep!

Calvary plans to make this an annual event with Lewis and Clark. Therefore, we will be accepting books all year long in preparation for this event. So, if you are going through your children's books this year or find a good sale, we would love to have you think of us and consider bringing them to Calvary for our next Float into Summer book fair.

## **KNIT & CROCHET**

**July 22 @ 10 am in the library**

The knit and crochet group meets one Saturday morning per month to work on prayer shawls or their own projects, get patterns, ask questions or give ideas. Beginners welcome! Patient teacher and supplies available for knitting or crocheting. All are welcome.

## **QUILTING DAY & POTLUCK**

**July 25 @ 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

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!

## **PARENT SUPPORT GROUP from 7-8 pm | Rooms 1-2**

In July, the group will meet the third Monday of this month. We will be holding a support group for parents or guardians of those who are struggling with alcoholism and drug addiction. Reach out to Pastor Aaron with any questions you may have.

## **PARK RIVER BIBLE CAMP August 2**

Kids entering kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to spend the day at Park River Bible Camp! We will leave Calvary at 9 am 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.

## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you are wanting something in the announcements please email them to Marcus by Tuesday night so they will be in the following Sunday. To have an article in the newsletter, have them over to Marcus by the 15th of each month. Email Marcus at [marcus@calvarygf.org](mailto:marcus@calvarygf.org).

## **SEWING CLUB**

**July 6 & 20 @ 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.

# Highlights of the **CHURCH COUNCIL**

## **FINANCE - 2023 FINANCE REPORT**

Giving in May was 15% higher than the prior year. There were a number of larger annual/quarterly gifts that were given in May which helped reach the higher income. Calvary's income each month seems to be returning to a higher level than we have seen in the recent past which is a promising sign for our congregation.

Activities in May helped close out the school year. The Unforgettables Memory Choir held their spring semester concert, Calvary celebrated their 70th anniversary with a potluck and program, and confirmation students and their mentors served a meal at Zion Methodist for Love Feast.


Year-to-date income through May was 2% (\$9,565) lower than the five-year average and expenses were also lower, at 1.8% (\$7,339) year to date. Each month our numbers seem to be trending closer to the five-year average which is our goal. As we enter the summer season when many of us take time to enjoy the warm weather and are away from Calvary, we pray for continued support through the sharing of individuals' blessings.

## **Old Business**

Global Friends - We would like to thank everyone for the generosity that enabled us to set up an apartment for the mother and son from El Salvador.

Widow-Widowers - Pastor Kirk, Brian, and Diane met with the leaders of this group and they will be returning to Calvary in the fall with Kirk being included in the leadership.

**Next Council Meeting: July 11**

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## OFFERINGS



**Offerings through 6/21/23:**

**\$373,674.33**

### Weekly Offering

5/21/23 \$15,112.99

5/28/23 \$10,270.10

6/4/23 \$7,623.00

6/11/23 \$14,964.17

6/18/23 \$11,858.99

## BUDGET/LOAN

**2023 Budget 999,726.00**

Expenses through 6/21/23 \$438,060.55

**Balance of Building Expansion Loan**

as of 7/1/23 \$643,692.07

## PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Nancy Schmidt's mother, Lois Dahl, died 5-13-23

## FUND BALANCES

Youth	68,305.02
Honduras Mission	32,401.45
Foundation	666,814.06
Good Sam	1,348.81
Refugee	6,828.52
Campership	2,559.82
Music	1,099.78
Library	2,788.95
Undesignated Memorials	0.00
Landscaping	480.98
Contemporary Worship	160.14
Education	3,729.43
Fine Arts	2,144.33
Missions	31,482.40
Quilting	2,710.66
Memory Café	9,330.83
Unforgettables Choir	8,245.19
Prayer Chain	12,618.50
LaGrave on First	1,376.13
Lewis & Clark General	1,104.66
Lewis & Clark Backpack	3,443.25
Hymnal & Bible Fund	1,388.85
Coffee Shop	3,206.10
Columbarium	28,434.95
Stephen Ministry	1,033.75
Operation Technology	13,149.75
Organ/Piano	82.29
General Maintenance	5,754.83
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	279.91
Hearing Aid Loop	837.00
Roof Repairs	94,625.27
Building Expansion	249,772.65
Seminary	1,103.95

# MEMORIALS



## **BUILDING EXPANSION FUND**

In memory of **Moine Gates** by Mark and Gloria Sanford

## **EDUCATION FUND**

In memory of **Moine Gates** by Joanne Davison

## **MEMORY CAFÉ**

In memory of **Louise Pedersen** by Susan Fagerholt

## **FOUNDATION FUND**

In memory of **Moine Gates** by Leonard and Marlene Hadley, Suzanne Moe, Larry and Sharon Thompson, Beverly McDaniels, Curtis and Barbara Peterson, Kathleen Ramsay, Eileen Solsten, Paul and Lois Gillespie, Roberta Zick, Duane and Arleen Loven, Renae Hillestad, Ronald and Harriet Samuelson, Richard and Sharon Jurgens, James and Marjean Woodrow, Michael and Kimberly Sande, Reginald and Roselynn Urness

In memory of **Gail Swanson** by Susan Blagsvedt

## **SANCTUARY ROOF**

In memory of **Suellen Bateman** by Marilyn Lundberg

In memory of **Dolorose Bushy** by Marilyn Lundberg

In memory of **Jerry Flom** by Donna Helgersen

In memory of **Moine Gates** by Rodney and Joyce Medalen, Arden and Irene Shores, Marilyn Bakke, Gary and Debbie Lloyd, Everett and Karen Knudsvig, Diana Iverson, Malcolm and Lori Stennes, Charles and Colleen Zick, Robert and Peggy Alderson, Phil and Shelly Amundson, Dave and Lisa Hillesland, Henry and Sharon St. Germain, David and Claire Pelarski, Dann and Cris Johnson, Larry and Ellen Hoiberg, Lee and June Murdock, Marilyn Lundberg, Peter and Robin Schnaidt

In honor of **Sharon Gates** by Peter and Robin Schnaidt

In memory of **Gail Swanson** by Lloyd and Lois Fett, David and Kathleen Olson, Lael and Nancy Schmidt

# Bible Word Search:

## NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS

U Q O K A I S N S M T K R P M  
V L F Z J T Y O A E E O A O R  
O M G Y V O N T N Z I C B X K  
Y D N Y M O E N U V A N B O A  
D L O V F H T C A S I R I X R  
E R I G W A R S P D S H E W E  
N T O G B M A L I D O V Z N D  
F D J L H Q Y V K R T T R Z E  
I G Q R R T A E G T H V E P E  
P B Y I H D S E K E U C T X M  
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CHRIST

KING of the Jews

LORD

RABBI

SON OF DAVID

EMMANUEL

LAMB of God

MASTER

REDEEMER

SON OF GOD

JESUS

LIGHT of the World

NAZARENE

SAVIOR

SON OF MAN

Ref: Wikipedia

**Instructions:** Find and circle the words shown in all capital letters.  
Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.



# INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES AND TRIBAL RELATIONS

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has announced the launch of the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement. The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement is an opportunity for this church to increase our understanding of our colonizing impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. Over the next several months, there will be opportunities to learn, raise awareness and engage in other ways to impact hearts and lives across this church. We believe that the truth, and our knowing and embracing it, is the first step toward healing for all of us.

"We must be in better, right, and healthy relationships with the Indigenous people of Turtle Island," said Eaton. "As we know, the truth and our knowing and embracing it, is the first step toward healing for all of us."

In 2016, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery. Following this action, Eaton commissioned a task force to lead the work outlined in the repudiation. The task force also developed "A Declaration of the ELCA to American Indian and Alaska Native People," which confessed the church's complicity in the oppression and genocide of Indigenous people and recommitted the ELCA to the work of Repudiation.

The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement will enlist and empower members to become involved in the areas of focus started by the task force: development of appropriate settler narrative from a Lutheran perspective; encouraging the ritual practice of land acknowledgement; understanding Lutheran participation in Indian Boarding Schools; and support for communities impacted by murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls. The movement will also offer ways to participate in the national Truth and Healing Movement.

Since the 1960s Lutherans have supported the American Indian Movement, working towards justice for and with Indigenous People. The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement commits this church to building and strengthening right relationships with our Indigenous neighbors.

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# 4 WAYS TO Give

## TEXT



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## IN WORSHIP



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THE OFFERING PLATE

## MAIL



MAIL A GIFT TO  
CALVARY

## Online Giving

Many ways to give during the summer



*"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).*

Wow! What a difference a couple of months can make in the weather in our neck of the woods. Happy summer to all! How blessed are we to live in a part of the country that allows us to experience all of the seasons in all of their glory?! This summer I hope to take in as much Vitamin D as I can to make up for the long winter we had. I pray that as we all enjoy the blessing that is these sweet summer months, that we can remember to share our blessings with Calvary too.

I am blown away by the generosity of our congregation and the fact that we were able to successfully raise enough funds for our Sanctuary roof replacement, prepare a home for incoming refugees, and so much more! And I'm excited to see if we can parlay that spirit of generosity into the remainder of the year and meet the budget that the finance committee thoughtfully planned out early this winter. I know, I know, no one wants to hear the word "budget" in the middle of the summer, but it is something we need to keep in our minds and in our hearts. That being said, I hope everyone has a beautiful summer!

*Erica Sundby*  
Stewardship

## Worshipping Online

Attend our 10:00 am service while you're away

We have live streamed all our services since the beginning of Covid and put together a strong tech team to give you every opportunity to worship on Sundays. There are a couple ways you can watch the live stream. You can either go to our facebook page or go to calvarygf.org. There are a few steps to view the live stream on our webpage and they are:

Step 1 - go to calvarygf.org

Step 2 - Click on "Worship Online"



Step 3 - scroll down until you find the correct service



# Youth and CONFIRMATION



Enrichment Experiences

## 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!

## Camp Spotlight

### Camp Metigoshe

8 Calvary students traveled to Camp Metigoshe in June! We spent the week having an Adventure Anchored in Christ and while having SO much fun!



### Park River Bible Camp August 2

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### Charlotte, NC | July 10-18

34 high school students will travel to Charlotte, NC, 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!

Thanks to a grant from the North Dakota Department of Health & Human Services, Calvary is proud to offer our new Baby Care Room! This new space, located directly across from the Fellowship Hall is open and available for use!





### Vacation Bible School Wrap Up

We had a great week exploring our VBS theme of "God's New Creation!" This year we used the ELCA's World Hunger curriculum in which we traveled to all parts of the world to meet people who are using their gifts to try and end hunger in the world. From Uganda to Nepal and even a community farm in Iowa, we met some animal and vegetable friends who taught us about how to care for God's creation.

It was a week filled with joy, family time, learning together and FUN! A big thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time and talents to bring some magic to our time together.

Throughout the week we took an offering to go towards purchasing items to help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty through the ELCA's Good Gifts program. With your generosity we were able to raise enough funds to purchase a farm for a family in need! Our farm will include: a cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training. With eggs, milk and meat to eat and sell, and tools and training to increase the harvest, this gift can make all the difference.



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### CALVARY STAFF

Pastors: Kirk Meseck, Aaron Bye  
Receptionist: Cathy Bubb  
Finance: Heather Vandervort  
Parish Nurse: Mary Ann Devig  
Communications and Tech: Marcus Mandt  
Education: Nichole Bye  
Youth: Morgan Olson  
Director of Faith In Action: Julie Pedersen  
Building & Grounds: Danny Navarro



## Coleslaw Dressing

A tasty recipe to try!

### Ingredients

1 c. salad oil  
1 c. sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. dry mustard  
1 tsp. celery seed  
1/2 medium onion  
1/2 c. white vinegar

Makes enough for two 14 oz. bags of shredded cabbage

### Directions

#### Step 1

Combine oil, sugar, salt, mustard, celery seed and onion in blender

#### Step 2

Beat on high in blender & gradually adding vinegar.  
Beat until smooth

#### Step 3

Pour over shredded cabbage and enjoy!



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