



CALVARY CALLING

News that serves and ignites people for Christ

June 2022



May is always a fun month at Calvary. We celebrated the end of Sunday School and Wednesday School, we worshipped in a special service with our graduating seniors and had some fun at toddler time.

This May was even a little more fun and crazy this year because Calvary's Honduras Mission Team hosted their rummage sale on May 14. All we could say was WOW. On the first day of donation collection, it looked like they could have had a successful sale- and there were three additional days of collecting items!

Thank you to all the Calvary members who volunteered, shopped, and supported this group and Calvary's mission in Honduras.

We are excited for the summer months at Calvary. In these pages you will find ways to connect with your church family outside of worship this summer! Looking forward to seeing you soon.



A NOTE FROM PASTOR KIRK



God bless you all as we enter the much-anticipated month of June! Around this part of God's world, the season of Easter comes to its fiftieth day, celebrated with the Day of Pentecost, which accopanies such favorable weather we don't ever want to go inside. The long days of sunshine remind us why we live here (for the next two weeks anyway!!) All kidding aside, God has given our faith community here at Calvary quite a challenge this year. Here's the way I want to express both the challenges and the promises of these days:

- 1** Even though we have an inconvenient leak in the sanctuary roof, we will keep everyone in the loop about what it's going to take to fix it, but we will come together to celebrate some version "raise the roof" event.
- 2** Even though we found some issues under the tile in our nursery where we're trying to design a bathroom, we hope to build some level of excitement about making that space much more sensible/usable for our youngest members.
- 3** Even though worship attendance and finances aren't quite what we are used to, we know our commitment to our community is strong. We will soon partner with the Lewis and Clark Elementary School in a new way by providing weekly backpack meals at \$100/student. Since there are sixty eligible students at this school, that means we will need \$6,000/year to support what we believe is a great mission.
- 4** Even though Grand Forks, and the whole U.S., has experienced a dearth in refugees entering our country, through the organization, Church World Service, and the local Global Friends Coalition, Calvary is hoping to join other GF congregations, to support a refugee family that will be coming here in October. We have only begun to talk about this development.
- 5** Even though the three summer months of June, July and August are typically "slower" for many, our staff is determined to reach out with specific, Spirited opportunities such as Vacation Bible School, "Holy Questions" for youth and adults, Reading Religiously, Holy Happy Hour, and the new "Curious Outsider" podcast will begin in June. And of course, the Men's Bible breakfast, coffee and conversation on Wednesdays, sewing club, quilting. Later this summer we will see a 3rd-5th grade summer book club, art camp, Bible camping, and the high school service learning trip. In addition to all these, I'm hoping you can help us identify members and non-members who would appreciate a visit/meal/renewed friendship with one of the pastors. As you know, the pandemic threw quite a wrench into our faith community's life. Being reunited for the sake of the gospel isn't always easy but it's the best thing ever!
- 6** Finally, even though we acknowledge our need to highlight what God is up to in the life of Calvary, please pray for a clarity of vision that isn't just a council agenda item or a staff responsibility, it's God graciously, powerfully working through the whole membership. Once again, God bless you all in this warm season of Pentecost - the Spirit season of Jesus coming to life in the midst of the faith community!

Calvary CONNECTS



GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



QUILTING DAY & POTLUCK

June 28 @ 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.

The Lutheran World Relief truck was back in Grand Forks on a rainy day on May 12. Our contribution this spring was: 46 quilts and 22 baby care kits. We also gave a quilt to the Valley Senior Living Foundation for their online auction for their Chaplaincy Ministry program.

SEWING CLUB

June 2 & 16 @ 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 June 18 @ 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

June 16 @ 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.

FOOD TRUCK PARTY COMMUNITY MEAL

June 9 @ 5:30-8:00 pm

This year's theme for Vacation Bible School at Calvary is "Food Truck Party." We thought, why not end the week with an actual food truck party in the parking lot. VBS families, the congregation, and the neighborhood is invited! Thanks to a grant from the Calvary Foundation, dinner is covered - just bring yourself! Trucks will begin serving at 5:30 pm.

READING RELIGIOUSLY

June 12 @ 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 *Sharks in the Time of Saviors* by Kawai Strong Washburn. For questions about the group contact Pastor Ivy.

CURIOUS OUTSIDER PODCAST & DISCUSSION GROUP

June 13 @ 7:30 pm

Calvary's Tech Coordinator, Marcus, has been working hard to make worship happen in both worship spaces and online. He has been an incredible addition to the Calvary staff and we have been listening and learning from the perspective he brings. Calvary pastors thought he could teach us all something. Those with strained relationships with the church might not have strained relationships with God and the Holy Spirit but with people and their understanding of faith and church. He will be releasing bits of his story and his relationship with the "church." New episodes will be released every two weeks.

Join the conversation! Discussion groups will begin meeting Monday, June 13 at the Other Half to unpack our role as a congregation to welcome those beyond us. Each week, Marcus will use his Curious Outsider frame of reference to ask us why we do things the way we do, share his own experiences, and help us to see things in new ways. Pastor Ivy is asking anyone who may be interested in discussing the podcast to join us at 7:30 pm at The Other Half, 4571 S Washington St.

Questions? Reach out to Pastor Ivy through the church office.



LAGRAVE MEAL MINISTRY

All the details you need to participate!

MEAL MINISTRY DETAILS

LaGrave on First provides homes and meets the needs of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. Calvary is honored to participate in the preparing of a meal for the residents on the second Sunday of each month. Each evening, individuals or groups prepare an evening meal for the 30-35 residents. Members sign up for a menu item to bring for the evening meal between 5:00 and 5:30 pm on our assigned day.

Summer days to serve are: June 12, July 10, August 14

Reach out to Julie in the church office for the menu of cooking options. We cook everything from main dish to dessert and recipes are available.

VOLUNTEER PICNIC

Thursday, June 23 @ 6:00 pm

LaGrave on First has invited the volunteers of the meal ministry to come and join them for a meal. They'll be serving pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, fresh fruit, ice cream, and lemonade. "Come hungry, and enjoy the chance to share a meal with residents and other volunteers – plus, play a few yard games and check out our community garden! You work so hard to keep our residents happy and well-fed – now, please let us return the favor!"

Highlights of the CHURCH COUNCIL

The month in which Easter occurs often has higher income in comparison with most other months of the year. Weather and residual effects of the pandemic may be a factor in the lower-than-expected income for current year April. Timing differences of annual gifts may also be a factor in the 17% lower income in prior year comparison.

April's calendar was full of opportunities for Calvary members. A milestone event for kindergarteners started Calvary's April calendar. Sunday School students assisted in worship on Palm Sunday and kicked off Holy Week and the many opportunities for worship. On Maundy Thursday, fifth graders were invited to a time of teaching and then a worship service where some took communion for the first time. High school youth held a ready-made Easter egg hunt fundraiser where over 5,000 eggs were hidden the night before Easter in the Grand Forks area. Weather for Easter Sunday was not the beautiful sunny day we all hoped for, but inside Calvary's walls there was much praise and joy for the day.

Income through April was 6% (\$19,700) lower than the five-year average and expenses were 14% (\$52,700) higher than the five-year average. Along with salaries, our utilities and snow removal costs are higher than we have seen in the past two years. As Calvary moves forward, we pray for our members and friends to continue to be "filled up" at Calvary and embrace the idea of congregationally owned ministry that Calvary was built on. Looking to get bids for a new roof due to it leaking. Community Relations/Marketing team is working on digitizing member information. Honduras Rummage Sale is on May 14. The board of education is planning Vacation Bible School with a food truck event on last day. Looking to the fall, they are planning on having one Sunday a month designated as family worship (no kids in Sunday school- instead, kids in worship with families)

Starting Memorial Day weekend there will be two services a Sunday, 9:00 am Traditional Worship and 10:30 am Contemporary Worship.



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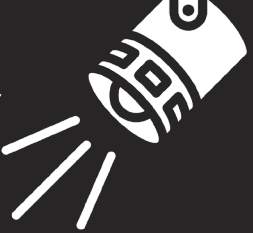
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Next Council Meeting: June 14 at 7:00 pm

Lead Journey Team SPOTLIGHT



SURVEY RESULTS

Dear Calvary,

I want to thank those who completed the LEAD Journey Assessment that was made available in March and April.

The Lead Journey Team (Lori Kehrwald, Priscilla Marto, Rachel Honl, Tony Schroeder) and I just received the analysis of our results. Before I share a snapshot, here are a few definitions for you from the Leadership Landscape analysis:

- Growing - know purpose and values; engage in the community
- Becoming - discovering purpose; focus on the community
- Out of breath - abstract purpose; struggle to engage leaders
- Stalled - inward purpose; member-centric

Take a guess as to which of these Calvary found itself before reading any further

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Growing and Becoming were nearly 70% of the tabulated results! This is excellent news!! Based on this, it means that we will continue to discover how to lean further into Becoming with the goal of Growing even more!

So, what's next for the LEAD Journey process? Focus groups. We will begin with having conversations with leadership teams, followed by inviting members to ask members they know to gather for some conversation based on thought-provoking questions. These groups will begin with leadership teams this summer and then move out into the larger congregation in the fall. Consider the seed planted for you to think about who you might invite for something like this!

As we continue in this process of listening to our congregation, the communities we live among, and the Holy Spirit, I can't help but ponder on a statement my friend Pastor Tom Westcott made. "We are not serving a monument; we are following a movement." This life of faith is not a building or an institution, it is a verb. It's about action. We are becoming engaged in the community, once again, so spreading the Word of God will continue Growing. Together, we will follow where God Leads.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Ivy



OFFERINGS



4/17/22	17,098.90
4/24/22	6,056.40
5/1/22	15,842.50
5/8/22	15,259.40

BUDGET/LOAN



2022 Budget 1,174,369

Offerings through 5/13/22	297,938
Expenses through 5,13/22	413,159

Balance of Building Expansion Loan
as of May 15, 2022 683,103.07

MEMORIALS

EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Carol Tweten by Joann Davison, Kevin and Courtney Ritterman

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Carol Tweten by Jon and Laura Raymond, Patricia Moe, Perry and Priscilla Marto, Skip Greenberg & Family, Jean Middleton

GOOD SAM

In memory of Jerome Bakke, Raymond Brokke, Arvid Cellmer, Sharon Cellmer, Inez Dahlgren, Tony Telken by Calvary Lutheran Church Women

HONDURAS LUNCH PROGRAM

In memory of Carol Tweten by Randi and Carma Hanson

LANDSCAPING FUND

In memory of Carol Tweten by Budd and Nona Wennersten

LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Carol Tweten by Sharon Langehaug, Delores Peterson, Rodney and Joyce Medalen

MEMORY CAFÉ

In memory of Carol Tweten by Joy Bostrum

QUILTING FUND

In memory of Carol Tweten by Cindy Purpur

SENIOR CHOIR FUND

In memory of Carol Tweten by Mary and Robert Hanson

UNFORGETTABLES CHOIR FUND

In memory of Carol Anderson by Eleanor Foss, Richard and Sharon Jurgens

YOUTH FUND

In memory of Carol Tweten by Everett and Karen Knudsvig

MEMORIALS CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

The family of Suzanne Kime, who died May 3.
Paul Gilbertson whose mother, Darlene Monson, died May 2.

FOUNDATION GRANTS

Foundation Grants approved May 10, 2022

Amt	Individual/Group	Purpose
\$500	Joani Kilber	LaGrave on First Weekend Meal Ministry
\$1,000	Ann Porter	Ethiopia Reads
\$2,000	Morgan Olson	Albuquerque Service & Stay
\$2,500	Chad Brucklacher	Christus Rex Bathroom Remodel
\$4,000	Julie Pedersen	Lewis & Clark Backpack Program
\$4,000	Marcus Vlvier	Southbooth/Tech Room Setup
\$6,000	Nichole Bye	VBS Food Truck Meal

FUND BALANCES

Youth	77,803.72
Honduras Mission	2,848.42
Foundation	810,116.46
Good Sam	211.17
Refugee	5,994.87
Campership	2,469.97
Music	5,612.27
Library	2,988.57
Undesignated Memorials	42,633.44
Landscaping	16.98
Contemporary Worship	10.14
Education	2,164.33
Fine Arts	2,201.28
Missions	30,264.97
Memory Café	6,022.23
Unforgettables Choir	4,163.48
Prayer Chain	12,618.50
LaGrave on First	202.84
Hymnal & Bible Fund	1,500.65
Coffee Shop	(1,090.67)
Columbarium	28,670.98
Stephen Ministry	1,033.75
Operation Technology	5,958.40
Organ/Piano	722.45
General Maintenance	2,303.86
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	566.91
Hearing Aid Loop	4,137.00
Furnace	0.00
Carpet	0.00
Building Expansion	302,544.50
Seminary	1,703.95

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Education: Nichole Bye
Youth: Morgan Olson
Congregational Life: Julie Pedersen
Tech Coordinator: Marcus Vivier
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Youth and CONFIRMATION

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

Calvary is excited to congratulate **Conner McGaughey** on being selected to the ELCA Youth Core Leadership Team!

The Youth Core Leadership Team is a partnership between the Synodical Youth Ministry Leadership and the ELCA Churchwide Expression for the purpose of providing intentional leadership development and faith formation for high school youth. The ELCA values and invests in young leaders because it recognizes that they are important and that their voice and presence in the church matters.

CAMPERSHIPS

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!

RISE & SHINE

Thank you breakfast sponsors!

I know some things about high schoolers and all I know tells me that having a weekly get together at 6:30 am before shouldn't work...but we cooked, and they started showing up. And then, they started bringing their friends. Calvary, thank you for your support of these young people. We had an amazing year of growing, showing up for each other, and talking about hard things.

YOUTHSTOCK

Take stock in our youth!

We would like to invite you to become a stockholder for our youth at Calvary! Year after year, youth ministry at Calvary is successful because of generous donors who make the choice to "take stock" in our youth and help fund all sorts of experiences and opportunities.

This year, funds will go to support our high school students who are headed to Albuquerque, NM and our involvement at Bible camps.

Ways to give!



Mail your gift to Calvary Lutheran Church
1405 S. 9th St. Grand Forks, ND 58201
Be sure to include Youth Stock in the memo line



Make your gift online at calvarygf.org
Click GIVING, then DONATE ONLINE, when selecting a fund
choose OTHER and select YOUTH STOCK





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are so excited to invite you to our family style VBS program this year. Our theme is Food Truck Party and the fun times roll into Calvary June 6-9 from 6:00-7:30 pm. All ages are welcome to join and we will have many volunteers with helping hands for families with multiple children and ages of family members.

This is a time for you as a family to explore God's amazing love for you and also to think about ways we can share that love with all around us. We will dance, sing, craft, explore, play and of course EAT! We hope to see you there! Cost is \$25 per family and scholarships are available. We encourage you to bring food items for the Lewis and Clark backpack program. Some item ideas include: Ramen noodle and soup cups, mac and cheese cups, instant oatmeal packets, fruit cups, individually wrapped snacks like fruit snacks, goldfish crackers, granola bars, juice boxes.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Need a date night? Have some shopping you need to do without the kids? Need to get ready for a weekend at the lake? You're in luck! Calvary Lutheran High School Youth are hosting a Parents Night Out Fundraiser! The money raised at this event goes directly to our Service Learning Experience in Albuquerque, NM this summer!

Thursday, June 23 4:30 pm-9:00 pm

\$25 per child (first 2 kids) \$10 per child (three or more kids)

We will spend the evening doing crafts, eating snacks, playing games, and having supper!

UPCOMING SUMMER DATES

July 11-14 & 18-21 | Calvary Lego League

July 14 | Family Swim Night @ Elk's Pool

July 14 & 28 | Summer Book Club for kids grades 3-5

August 4 | Park River Day Camp

August 11 | Art Camp for Kids



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WE LOVE, WE GIVE

A Spirit of Generosity



Many of us have either sung the song, or heard the song, “We Love.” It goes “we love, because God first loved us.” That sentiment applies to giving as well! We give Because We Get It

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Have you ever listened to someone that makes you think: “Wow. They get it!” Maybe it’s a podcaster who articulates your political views very well, or a book that explains you better than you could explain yourself. But we all know what it’s like to love finding someone else who gets it, whatever it is.

God loves everybody. But what God loves about a cheerful giver is that they get it. They get the connection between spiritual growth and generosity. They get that giving is itself a blessing to the giver. They get it. Not that those who aren’t in a position to give don’t get it. But there are far more of those who can and don’t, and those who think they can’t, but probably could, in some way - in volunteering, in being a good steward to the earth, etc.

God says: “I love a cheerful giver!” Think about some ways you can be a good giver. Pray about where God is calling you and your gifts.

STEWARDSHIP OUTSIDE THE OFFERING PLATE

For most of us, the word “stewardship” evokes the immediate thought of monetary giving. It did for me anyway! As the new Stewardship Chair for Calvary, I have been doing some reading and research on Christian stewardship, and boy, am I learning it’s about so much more! So as we enter this long-awaited summer and finally get to spend some time outside, let’s also focus on how we can grow in our stewardship outside of the offering plate.

STEWARDS OF THE EARTH

For the month of June, let’s think about being stewards of this beautiful Earth that God has given us. God has entrusted us to be the keepers of this often magical, and often maddening place; the least we can do is help to care for it. Do some spring/summer cleaning simply by picking up the trash that hides under the snow all winter. Plant some flowers, or grow a small garden of vegetables or herbs.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

We would also welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the stewardship committee, no experience 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
Erica Sundby



HOLY QUESTIONS

Do you find that your days are filled with more questions than answers?

As parents, our days are inundated with questions. Sometimes those questions are small....

“Can we go to the park?” “Can I have a snack?”

But often, those small questions lead to bigger questions...

“Why doesn’t the man at the park have a home?” “Does God love even the bad kids in my class?”

Adults who care about sharing the Christian faith with their kids can run into all sorts of sticky spots and weird ideas as we explore the big questions. Asking questions is one way to love God with your mind, by growing deeper in your understanding of Holy Presence in our world.

Each week, a group of adults caring for kids ages 4(ish)-10(ish) will get together to ask open ended questions on purpose! Our hope is that they will offer reflection and conversation among kids and between kids and adults.

This group doesn’t promise to answer all the questions or even promise to smooth the conversations. What we can promise is accompaniment and community in your lives as we all learn, grow, and wonder together.

Holy Questions meets Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm on the Calvary Lawn. Bring your lawnchairs or a blanket! We will provide a sweet treat, drinks, and a holy question or two that we can work through together.

June 14: Who am I?

June 21: Who is God? Who is Jesus? Who is the Holy Spirit?

June 28: What is church? What is the Bible?

July 5: What is worship? What is prayer?

July 12: Where is God when bad things happen?

July 19: What is Baptism? What is Communion?

July 26: What happens when we die?

August 2: How do we care for each other? How do we care for creation?

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 2:00 pm Maple View Worship 6:00 pm VBS Decorating	2 1:30 pm Sewing Club 6:00 pm VBS Decorating	3 Office Closed 12:00 pm VBS Decorating	4
5 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Pastors at Synod Assembly	6 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School	7 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School	8 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School	9 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School Community Meal	10 Office Closed	11
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