



CALVARY CALLING

News that serves and ignites people for Christ

April 2022



In March we kicked off the season of Lent and Calvary has been a fun and busy place ever since. On March 16 Calvary celebrated with some of our most distinguished members who turn 94, 95, and 96 this year. It was a lovely morning of celebration and fellowship. We couldn't have asked for a nicer day to get together!

Children ages 1-4 gathered for toddler time on March 12 in the Fellowship Hall. Kids and their families got to dance, play, and paint together. The kids loved story time and the bubble machine and it as a great way to get parents of littles together!

Calvary got to participate in the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event at the end of March. After fundraising through noisy offering and in Sunday/Wednesday School for the month of March it was fun to see the food get packed and loaded on the trucks for kids in need.

Look into these pages for more events and ways to connect with your church family outside of worship.



A NOTE FROM PASTOR KIRK



“The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men (in dazzling clothes) said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” Luke 24:5

Like every Christian community, Calvary Lutheran proclaims this Easter message: God fulfills the promise made to Abram and to all of his descendants (which now includes gentiles like us) in the Easter event of resurrection! And since Jesus was raised for all time, then forgiveness of sins forever triumphs over even our best attempts at evil-doing. And since forgiveness wins the day, all day, every day, then authentic reconciliation between the nations is made possible too!

This year, on April 17, by the power of God’s Holy Spirit, Calvary, alongside the whole Christian Church on earth, will be grabbed hold of through this new “arrangement” - to be made God’s beloved for the entire world. This same Spirit promises to reveal Calvary Lutheran Church to be a blessed community of people who cannot help but proclaim Christ crucified and risen in all that we say and do!

How is God calling Calvary Lutheran members out to be God’s beloved people in April, 2022? How are we **wearing resurrection** these days and in the days and weeks to come? First and foremost, we are being called to enter into God’s story through the last weeks of Lent. Holy Week’s revealing, obviously painful story involves/implicates our sin-sick hearts. Our sinful selves in this redemptive story foists a defeated Jesus onto Rome’s cross, only to have death utterly destroyed on that first Easter Sunday morning – for us!

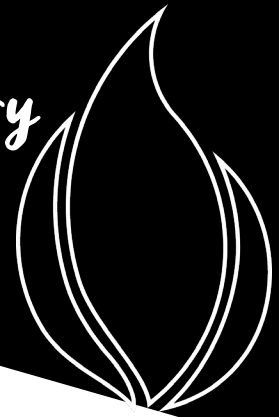
For all of us, so when I read that the average time it takes a Lutheran to actually invite anyone, ANYONE, to worship with them is THIRTY YEARS, I cannot help but implore you to ask someone to join you in worshipping God this month. Try praying and imagining who that person (or persons) might be? As I’ve been saying over the past two years, so much of our calling as baptized people of God isn’t about us, **it’s about others**.

Like you, I am troubled by the lack of civility and the abundance of division these days. I am doubly troubled when congregations, denominations and whole religions add to this dilemma. May our prayers continue to reform our voices when we judge others words to be unworthy of God’s grace.

But in all cases, God’s story for the sake of the world welcomes even sinners like us to see beyond our own agendas, bias and well, hatreds. Please continue to pray for God’s presence in and through our congregation. God bless you this Easter season!

Pastor Kirk

Calvary CONNECTS



GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



EASTER FLOWER SIGN UP

Sign up today

Easter flower sign up has begun! Each Easter we decorate the worship spaces with beautiful spring flowers. Sign up to purchase a plant in honor or in memory of someone and have your message shared on Easter Sunday. Plants are \$15 dollars - be sure to sign up and leave your message in the church office!

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

Join us April 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!

SEWING CLUB

April 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.

QUILTING DAY & POTLUCK

April 28 @ 9:30 am

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!

READING RELIGIOUSLY

Sunday, May 1 @ 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. For questions about the group or for this month's book choice contact Pastor Ivy through the church office.

FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY

April 3

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

MEMORY CAFE

April 12 @ 1:00 p.m.

Join us for the Memory Cafe in the Fellowship Hall on April 12. The program begins at 1:30pm with Mark Ellingson, (former Hospice and Altru Chaplain, now Hospital Liaison Partner with Life Source) presenting The Illusive Thing Called Hope. There will be music with this presentation!

Refreshments will be served following the program. The program is free and all are welcome to attend!

Questions? Please reach out to Mary Ann Devig through the church office.

TECH TEAM TRAINING

April 25 @ 6:00 p.m.

Have you been interested in serving on the tech team? Do you think helping on the tech team will be hard or only for those who really know technology? Let us show you how easy it can be! Join us in the Fellowship Hall on April 25 to learn in both worship spaces and see how everything works up close. Come and enjoy some pizza with us as we learn all about how to serve on the tech team!

Questions? Please reach out to Marcus through the church office.

Highlights of the CHURCH COUNCIL

February 8, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | Calvary Lutheran Church

Income received in February was 16% higher than the prior year. A few annual and quarterly gifts were received in February which contributed to higher income for comparison purposes between the current and prior year. The timing of when gifts are given is generally the largest reason for differences between months of income.

Calvary hosted a number of events in February. Confirmation students were invited to “Baking Through the Bible” which as an end result provided cupcakes for the LaGrave meal the following week. Calvary hosted the Eastern ND Band Ensemble day on February 8. It was wonderful to see Calvary filled with high school students and hear the music pieces they had been practicing. The Unforgettables Memory Choir resumed on February 23 which was a welcome opportunity for those who love to sing in the choir. February worship ended with “Pajama Wednesday and Sunday” to close out our month of collecting pajamas for our community.

Year-to-date income through February was 4% (\$5,500) higher than the five-year average and expenses were 9% (\$17,000) higher than the five-year average. While the income is higher than past years, our expenses are also higher and may be closer to what we see regularly moving forward. With our 2022 budget our staff costs did increase which is a large part of our higher expenses, but also maybe that means our lives are returning to a new “normal,” that includes a return of some ministries and development of new ministries. We pray that our congregation continues to be excited and energized about the mission and ministry of Calvary. It was approved to bring on a part time position 10-15 seasonal hours per week (44 weeks per year) to help with free Morgan & Nicole with children, youth and family ministry. On April 26 there will be an event here at Calvary to discuss and brainstorm how our synod can be of help with Lutheran Disaster Response. We need lots of volunteers to help greet people and help with the offering on Easter Sunday- if you can volunteer email Pastor Kirk or call the church office to let them know. The youth board met last night; they discussed a youth welcome statement- to promote the culture “all our welcome”; they are going to Albuquerque in July 2022- 17 students are going. The mask requirement ended in March and it has seemed to go well with the new recommendations. Covid tests are widely available and we will continue to encourage people to watch online if they are ill.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm

Erin Navarro, Council President
Heather Petricig, Secretary

Shari Elgin, Vice President
Ethan Hodnefield, Treasurer

Michelle Garske, Youth
Liza McClean, Evangelism
Angie Gietzen, Education
Jen Monzelowsky, Parish Fellowship

Brian Harris, Property
Erica Sundby, Stewardship
Diane Stoley, Community Relations
Dave Ebertowski, Service Ministries



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Season SPOTLIGHT

LENT 2022

You may have heard me mention this before, but I love Lent. There are many reasons such as the change in rhythm, the feeling of solemnity, and it being a pilgrimage with Jesus towards the most awful which leads to the most wonderful. And yet, there is one thing that I love about Lent that doesn't fall into any of the categories I already mentioned. The fact that when Lent begins it is often cold, snowy, and gloomy but as the pilgrimage towards Holy Week continues, there is a sense of coming out of the depths into the deep breath of spring. Or, to put it less eloquently, Lent ends in spring, which is intentional because the word Lent means 'spring'. It's almost like someone knew what they were doing when they decided what to call this season of the church year!

Isaiah 43:19 says, "Look, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth - can't you see it? I'm making a road in the desert and setting rivers to flow in the wasteland." Something new 'springs' forth! I'm not going to take this where you expect it. I'm not going to point to the promises of God popping up from the wet soil like a spring tulip. I'm not going to talk about the symbolism of the season. I am, however, going to talk about the new things springing forth from us.

When we are pilgrims with Jesus (not just tourists taking in the sights) we are taking part in the transformation and change that happens in his baptism, death, and resurrection. We become new. When we are washed in the water of baptism, something happens that is impossible to explain. When we are nourished in communion, something happens that is impossible to explain. It's a mystery but it does something that changes us. There is power in the elements to bring something springing forth that is God's work. Lent changes us because Christ changes us and we are pilgrims with him. In this time with Jesus, spring is coming, spring has come, and spring is yet to come. It's impossible to explain and yet here it is. Spring. A season of fresh air, a season where we bust out of the old and a new thing is happening. What is new with you?



Pastor Ivy

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

I have had the joy and pleasure to work with a group of congregation members for many months now to do some long range planning for Calvary. Together we have been figuring out if our core values and mission line up with where we are currently and now we are to the stage where we need your help! In the pages of this newsletter there is a survey. We are asking that you fill it out with where YOU see Calvary right now. If you have any questions please reach out through the church office.
-Pastor Ivy

OFFERINGS



2/20/22	6,961.90
2/27/22	27,698.40
3/6/22	16,479.90
3/13/22	21,048.44

BUDGET/LOAN



2022 Budget 1,174,369

Offerings through 3/15/22 177,510

Expenses through 3/15/22 228,272

Balance of Building Expansion Loan

as of March 15, 2022 \$690,218.40

MEMORIALS

BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

In memory of **Jerome Bakke** by Ruth Larson, Larry McLaren

In memory of **Raymond Brokke** by Ruth Larson

In memory of **Donald Heier** by Ruth Larson

MEMORY CAFE

In memory of **Lil Denny** by Raymond and Jessica Deck

MUSIC FUND

In memory of **Arline Miller** by James and Renee Lies

UNFORGETTABLES

In memory of **Lil Denny** by Raymond and Jessica Deck

FOUNDATION

May 4 @ 4:00 pm

Calvary's Foundation provides perpetual financial support to further Calvary's mission of serving and igniting people for Christ both locally and world-wide. Foundation grant requests are being accepted through May 4 at 4:00 pm in the church office. Application forms, information and tax information

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Merle Evenson whose sister, Glenna Dion, died March 4. Denise Horpedahl, Jody Thompson and Mike Thompson whose father, Lowell Thompson, died December 8, 2021.

Sheila Sturlaugson whose sister died in February.

Beau Bateman whose father, Charles Bateman, died March 22.

The family of Sharon and Arvid Cellmer who died March 23 and March 25 respectively.

Elinor Olson whose sister, Sylvia Fowler, died March 22.

FUND BALANCES



Honduras Mission	7,783.42
Foundation	810,116.46
Good Sam	308.10
Refugee	5,994.87
Campership	2,389.97
Music	5,617.58
Library	2,943.57
Undesignated Memorials	42,633.44
Landscaping	6.98
Contemporary Worship	10.14
Education	2,837.36
Fine Arts	2,201.28
Missions	29,614.03
Memory Café	6,003.17
Unforgettables Choir	5,022.12
Prayer Chain	12,618.50
LaGrave on First	0.00
Hymnal & Bible Fund	1,395.65
Columbarium	28,670.98
Stephen Ministry	1,033.75
Operation Technology	5,714.58
Organ/Piano	722.45
General Maintenance	2,283.86
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	566.91
Hearing Aid Loop	2,037.00
Furnace	0.00
Carpet	0.00
Building Expansion	294,428.08
Seminary	1,703.95

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

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

APRIL 10 - Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Sanctuary 9:00 & 10:30 AM Fellowship Hall	APRIL 15 - Good Friday 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Sanctuary
APRIL 14 - Maundy Thursday 5:30 PM Sanctuary	APRIL 17 - Easter Sunday 9:00 & 10:45 AM Sanctuary 9:00 & 10:45 AM Fellowship Hall



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Youth and CONFIRMATION

CAMP 2022

CAMPERSHIPS

•Calvary offers a campership of \$100 per student when they attend ELCA Bible Camps.

•Park River Bible Camp (code is CLC2022 when registering)

CONFIRMATION CAMP

6-8th graders are invited to travel to Camp Metigoshe with Morgan and Pastor Aaron! We will take in all that Camp Metigoshe has to offer while also getting some time to talk about faith and the Lutheran Church.

June 26-July 1

WELCOME REAGAN!

The Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Team is THRILLED to have Reagan Fontaine join our team as the CYF Ministries Assistant. She will be around on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings to help out with all things children, youth, and family at Calvary! This position will help our ministry team to grow and facilitate our programs.



CONFIRMATION

Class offerings-sign up online or contact Morgan

Baking thru the Bible

o Sunday, April 10 | 1:00 AM-3:00 PM

RISE & SHINE

Thursdays @ 6:30 am

High Schoolers! Come to Holy Grounds for breakfast, coffee and a Bible study before school! We will start our day with food, faith and fellowship. Contact Morgan for more information through the church office.



EASTER EGGED

How would you like to wake up to a yard filled with candy stuffed eggs and a note from the Easter Bunny?! Support Calvary Lutheran Church High School Youth as they raise funds for their service learning experience to Albuquerque, NM this summer!

If your address is outside of Grand Forks or EGF city limits, please contact Morgan to make sure that we can deliver to your address-additional fees may apply Sign up online or in the church office.





FIFTH GRADE COMMUNION

Thursday, April 14 5:30 pm

You are invited to join us as we celebrate your first communion, with a short learning event and worship service. This event is designed for your whole family and will lead into a short worship service where we will celebrate your fifth grader's first communion.

PALM SUNDAY KIDS CHOIR

During the month of February we collected pajamas of all sizes; Thank you all for your support and generous donations. We were able to wrap families in our community in love and warmth. How fun to be able to wear our own PJ's to worship and Sunday/Wednesday school!

EASTER TAKE-HOME BAGS

Starting Palm Sunday Easter take-home bags will be available outside of the worship spaces. Activities will include Easter story stickers, jelly bean prayers and a link to an Easter story time.

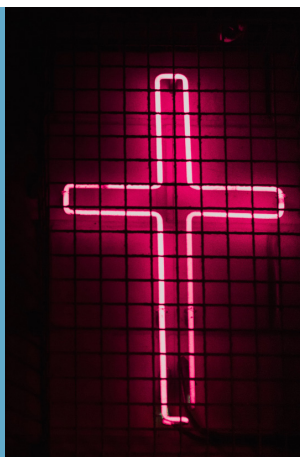
IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 3 | Kindergarten Milestone Event @ 2:00 pm

APRIL 10 (Palm Sunday) | Sunday School kids sing in worship

APRIL 13 (Holy Week) | No Wednesday School

APRIL 17 (Easter Sunday) | No Sunday School - Worship with your families!



SIGN UP TO GET

Easter EGG^{ed}



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\$25 - 25 EGGS

\$50 - 50 EGGS

\$75 - 75 EGGS

\$100 - 100 EGGS



Sign up in the church office or online by March 13.

Memory Cafe

JOURNEYING THROUGH DEMENTIA TOGETHER

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
1:00-3:30 pm

Program begins at 1:30 pm

The Illusive Thing Called Hope

Mark Ellingson

Hospital Partner Liaison, Life Source

Mark your calendars!

**HONDURAS
RUMMAGE
SALE**



Collection May 8-11

MAY 14

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Food Drive Sunday 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Confirmation Class 11:45 am Lead Journey Team	7 7:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm Youth Board Mtg.	8 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 1:00 pm Memory Café 5:30 pm Meal Prep 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Council	9 9:30 am Unforgettables 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 5:00 pm Lent Meal 5:30 pm Worship 5:45 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir	10 6:30 am Rise & Shine High School Bible Study 1:00 pm Acts Bible Study	11 10:00 pm Acts Bible Study	12 10:30 pm Toddler Time
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