



CALVARY CALLING

News that serves and ignites people for Christ

OCTOBER 2021



Calvary is a busy place these days! We are thrilled to be able to live a little more normally in these pandemic days. Sunday School and Wednesday School started in September and it has been so fun getting to watch the kids lean into our fall theme, Opening Doors. They have been learning about neighbors this fall and have been talking all about what it means to be a caring neighbor in our community! Confirmation students had a “core class” month in September and focused on Bible basics, creeds and commandments, sacraments and Lord’s Prayer. In October they will have an “electives” month where they have a chance to take classes that interest them like faith and art, women of the Bible, watching God and many more. There is even a class called YouTube and Tacos where students can learn together about the things they “put into” their bodies and how what we consume as media, music, food and movies can be a offering to God.



Our congregational life coordinator, Julie, who started at Calvary over the summer months has been kept busy with Holy Grounds, finding and scheduling worship tech helpers, worship assistants like cantors, helping coordinate LaGrave meals and even playing piano in worship on occasion! If you haven’t yet got to meet her feel free to introduce yourself. If you strike up a conversation about UND athletics, dogs, horses or anyway you would like to volunteer at church, Julie is your gal!

AN UPDATE FROM PASTOR KIRK

Call Committee



Greetings Calvary! In case you didn't see this update in worship announcements or the written announcements I am including this here so we can pray together about where God is calling Calvary next.

JUNE 15

Calvary Council Meeting

As worship and programming and Calvary began to pick up after those pandemic months, the possibility of calling a third pastor was discussed.

JUNE/JULY

Let's ask around!

Before our July 13, 2021 meeting, the Council was asked to discuss this possibility with as many members of Calvary as possible.

JULY 13

Calvary Council Meeting

Council members reported back that the overwhelming majority of members we talked with were in favor of calling a third pastor. Because of that positive feedback, the council directed Pastor Kirk to assemble a call committee to begin the process of calling a third pastor.

AUGUST

Meet the team!

Along with **Pastor Kirk**, the other members who agreed to be on our team are **Jerry Humble, Jan Kurtyka, Jonathon Nord and Diane Stoley**. Please pray for these folks and the Holy Spirit's presence throughout this process of discernment. (You can contact these members through the church office.)

SEPTEMBER

The team begins meeting.

We had our first meeting (via Zoom) on September 2 with Shar Gumke, the Eastern North Dakota Synod staff person assigned to us. Shar described how the call process works as some members of the Call Committee had never served on one before. We are updating our paperwork. Once the Synod receives our paperwork, right about now, we are eligible to receive the paperwork of candidates who agree to the possibility of an interview. Again, please keep our Call Committee in your prayers and please reach out to any of the Committee members if you have any questions.

Calvary Lutheran 's Call Committee

Brittany Caillier – Committee Chair

Jerry Humble

Jan Kurtyka

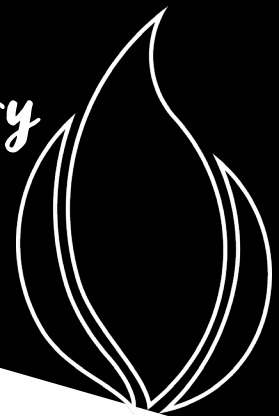
Jonathon Nord

Diane Stoley

Pastor Kirk

Pastor Kirk

Calvary CONNECTS



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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN CIRCLES

Mark your calendars!

Ruth Circle will meet at a new time this month at Colleen Zick's home. See you at 4:00 pm on October 13.

Priscilla/Sarah circle will meet on their usual date and time. They will meet at Calvary at 9:30 am on October 20.

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

Join us October 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

October 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

October 26 @ 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!

MEMORY CAFE

October 12 @ 1:00 pm

This month we will focus on, "Improving Communication in Dementia Care." We will discuss several skills we can use to diffuse the tension and defensive reactions we sometimes see when trying to talk with our loved ones about Dementia symptoms. The Memory Cafe will be held on October 12 from 1:00-3:30 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will begin at 1:30pm. Refreshments will be served following the program. The event is free. All are welcome.

FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY

November 7

The first Sunday of each month Calvary hosts a food drive. Consider picking up a few extra items at the grocery store and bring them to church with you! There are shopping carts available on both ends of the building or you can bring food to the office.

Ideas include:

- nonperishable canned fruits and vegetables
- peanut butter and granola bars
- soup, macaroni, spaghettios, rice, pasta

HOLY HAPPY HOUR

October 28 @ 4:30 pm

Join us Thursday from 4:30-7:00 pm at Brick and Barley 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 go out in the town and see what God is up to! Questions? Contact Pastor Ivy.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

October 19 & November 2 @ 10:30 am

Community Connections is for people living with Alzheimer's or other type of Dementia and their Care Partners. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:30-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. People who are living with Alzheimer's or other type of Dementia will meet in the Fellowship Hall with an Occupational Therapist for activity and time for visiting. Care Partners will meet in the Coffeehouse for time to connect with other caregivers. All are welcome. The event is free.

OPEN & UNAFRAID Mondays at 8:00 pm

Beginning on October 4 in Holy Grounds join Pastor Aaron in a book study on Psalms. Open and unafraid books are available in the church office for \$10. Join any time!

READING RELIGIOUSLY

October 24 @ 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 Speedway Restaurant, 805 N 42nd St in Grand Forks. The book for the month is Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

God's love through actions & fellowship

AUGUST 2021 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer/Finance

Dexter Albrecht of the finance team is the new acting treasurer since Lacey moved out of town. He reported that on the 5 year average we are down 9% (\$61,000) on income, but down 15% on expenses for the 5 year average. New business discussed at the finance meeting include the snow removal contract being approved as well as a new coffee machine for Holy Grounds. Technology updated in Holy Grounds includes TV and computers being replaced, connection to the internet, cords to plug into laptops, and being connected to the server. The old TV will be used in the narthex for announcements during coffee time. Jon Nord moved to approve the treasurer's report with Shari Elgin seconding and all voting in favor.

Education

Angie announced that Sunday and Wednesday school will be back in person. There are 147 kids signed up for classes and more are adding every day. Volunteers are good for the early section but more needed for 10:45 am section. They are deciding whether they will have music every other week or use the choir room so they have more room to distance while singing. They have decided to shorten the schedule by fifteen minutes so they will be done at the same time as worship. The milestone events have been going well so they will continue with that program. They have decided to try a one month pilot program of a new curriculum which includes a magazine to bring home. The trial is free and the curriculum is about the same cost as the current program. Classes start September 12.

Service Ministries

A team of wedding coordinators are needed and some have begun training under Gloria Sanford who will retire from the position mid-October. Funeral meal coordinators are needed.

Worship

The Wednesday evening worship is a focus this year. Danny Navarro and Mark Diers will do the music. Services will start September 15. The goal is to livestream the worship services. The Sunday worship schedule will change back to 9:00 am and 10:30 am. We will have to find the rhythm of worship again after having things so different for the last many months.

Building Update

We have had an exterminator in the building taking care of some unwanted residents and he is set to help us with the perpetual fly issue that happens in the Sanctuary during the fall months.



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SEPTEMBER 2021

Treasurer's Report - August Overview

Current year August income was comparable to income in August 2019. We can look back 10 years and current year income is still comparable to the average over that period of time. Income is generally fairly close on a monthly basis but can be skewed by large one-time gifts or the timing of Easter.

The month of August is the gear-up time for Calvary's fall schedule to begin. There are many things happening behind the scenes, but not a lot of items happening for the congregation to participate in as a whole. Kindergarten through 5th graders had the opportunity to attend an art camp at the beginning of the month. The Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly was held in the middle of the month and Calvary was able to send our pastors and six congregation members. A "backpack blessing" was incorporated into worship at the end of August for all those heading back to school.

Year-to-date income through August was \$45,000 (8.5%) lower than the five-year average and expenses were \$64,000 (11%) lower than the five-year average when we remove the PPP loan forgiveness. The fall schedule is returning with in-person Sunday and Wednesday school and confirmation, which is an improvement over one year ago, but maybe not as back to normal as we all would wish. We are able to learn and worship together so maybe that is our victory for this point in time.

Council Business

Call Committee

The call committee is formed and has begun meeting to put together Calvary's paperwork. They hope to start collecting paperwork of candidates from the synod office soon.

Officers and Ministry Teams

Parish Fellowship

Exciting news that Holy Grounds is up and running. Our new espresso machine has been installed and was kept busy on kick off Sunday. We continue to support LaGrave every Tuesday night with supper. We now provide a meal for 35. As they work to hire a full-time cook, we will be staying in contact with them to see how we might continue to support them in the future. We contracted with Puck's Cleaning for our janitorial services.

Building

We are subcontracting to get all the exterior windows cleaned and the choir room floor waxed.

Worship & Community

Marcus Vivier signed a part-time contract (up to ten hours/week) to help lead our tech team volunteers. Our Stewardship Team is now formed and ready to put together our "next big thing!"

As you all well know, the pandemic is not over. Our masking requirement will continue to be observed as long the city of Grand Forks remains in the orange/red zone. We are hoping the vaccine for children comes by the end of October, but there are no guarantees.

The online worship service on the traditional side of the building continues to challenge us. From now on, we will point out the need for grace as hiccups are part of the process of training new, often young tech people. It's not fun but practicing grace in worship can be a good habit too.

Having many more people in the building is awesome and minimizing any risks associated with large crowds that have many unvaccinated children in them is challenging. Our theme, "Opening Doors" is done literally here for fresh air flow. Calvary's presence at the Pride Event on August 28 was a great way to spend a Saturday with five Calvary staff and many local churches and organizations.

Calvary also had a table set up at the UND Expo on August 25.



Youth and CONFIRMATION

YOUTH GATHERING INFORMATION MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Trip Information & Logistics Meeting-for students/parents/guardians

Join us in the fellowship hall as we learn about our trip to Minneapolis for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering! This triennial event gathers youth from across the ELCA for worship, service, Bible study, hands-on learning, and more!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPARK

Wednesdays @ 8:00 pm

Middle schoolers! Join us for youth group each week on Wednesdays. We will meet in the Youth Room downstairs. Join us!

CONFIRMATION

If you haven't signed your young person up for confirmation classes there is still time! Go to calvarygf.org/confirmation or contact Morgan through the church office to get signed up. There are classes being added all the time so when you are ready, sign up and jump in.



RISE & SHINE

Thursdays @ 6:45 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.

TECH TEAM

Join the tech team!

There are many ways to help at church, the Calvary tech team is a great way to get involved in worship and help bring worship to those unable to attend in person. Contact Morgan through the church office for more information - you will be compensated for your time or you may earn confirmation credit or volunteer hours!





HELLO CALVARY FAMILIES

We have had a great first couple weeks of Sunday and Wednesday School! We are so thankful for all of our kids and volunteers! This year we are trying a new curriculum called Theme Sunday school, for several weeks in a row the kids explore a topic and how it relates to their growing faith. Our first theme has been NEIGHBORS! We have been talking all about what it means to be a caring neighbor in our community! Keep a look out for monthly magazines sent home that will also connect to the theme of the month.



Our upcoming theme for October 17-November 10 is **MESSY FAITH!** We will be exploring how God meets us in our mess. Leaning into our messy theme, we encourage you not to wear your favorite outfit. We may be getting a little messy, paint shirts are available too!

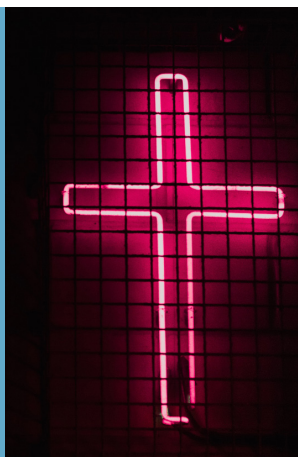


THERE'S ALWAYS A NEED FOR HELP!

We are still always looking for caring adults to help teach on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you are interested in helping out, contact Nichole Bye.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: TRUNK OR TREAT!

On October 31, Calvary will be hosting a trunk or treat event for kids and families in the parking lot. If you would like to donate candy, decorate a trunk or be a helper that day please contact Nichole Bye through the church office.



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS



Trunk or Treat

October 31, 2021

CALVARY PARKING LOT | 3:00-5:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

CAR DECORATING CONTEST • PHOTOBOOTH
CANDY • MUSIC • COSTUMES & AND FUN!



1405 South 9th Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201



BUDGET/LOAN

Offering received through 10/1/21: **\$550,371**

Expenses through 10/1/21: **\$636,867**

Balance of Building Expansion: **\$807,712.10**

OFFERING

8/22/21	4,936.40
8/29/21	9,695.00
9/5/21	18,696.40
9/12/21	25,009.07
9/19/21	11,752.15
9/26/21	13,143.40

BAPTISMS WEDDINGS

Lyenna Jae Rumen
Parents: Robert & Kelsey

Soren James Rogers
Parents: Benjamin & Kayla

Bridger Tomas Connell
Parents: Jared & Trina

Alyssa Sandry & Eric Muus
August 28, 2021

Amanda Gendron & Dustyn Lee
September 11, 2021

Morgan Myrvik & Dustin Lindahl
September 25, 2021

PRAYERS & CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Kim Riske whose father, Gary Baumer died August 23.
Diane Ness whose step-mother, Marlys, died August 21.
Sandra Johnson whose mother, Alice Rude, died August 27.
Jerry Humble whose mother, Ruth, who died August 30.
Kay Flom whose brother, Dick Nelson, died September 9.
Kay Culver whose mother, Karen Peach, died September 5.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS:

ALTAR GUILD FUND

In memory of Dick Nelson by Neil and Sue Flom

BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

In memory of Marvin and Irene Goebel by the estate of Marvin and Irene Goebel

In memory of Robin Hadlich by Terry and Judith Paukert

In memory of Ruth Humble by Roberta Zick, Henry and Sharon St. Germain

In memory of Adolph Krogstad by Lawrence and Jeanette Brokke, Don and Nancy Krogstad

In memory of Curtis Knudsvig by John and Jackie Knudson

In memory of Karen Peach by John and Jackie Knudson

In memory of Ivan Radi by Fred and Lois MacGregor, Joanne Davison, Martha Klevay, Devera Warcup, Majorie Radi

EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Ivan Radi by Joanne Davison

GOOD SAM

In memory of Carol Anderson, Delores Bader, David Dennison, Robin Hadlich, Ivonne Lee, Merrilee Nielsen, Karen Peach, Arlene Vein by Calvary Lutheran Church Women

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Robin Hadlich by Carole Hadlich

In memory of Curt Knudsvig by James and Renee Lies

In memory of Merrilee Nielsen by John Sanderson, Carole Hadlich, Mark and Fern Wood, John and Sherri Halstenson, Thomas and Kimberly Cariveau, Peter and Kari Carlson, Allan and Connie Rebsch, Michael and Donna Gillen, Chad and Nicole Anvinson, Kim and Pamela Erickson, Larry and Judith Belker, Kyle and Dennis Erickson

In memory of Karen Peach by Altru Research Department, James and Terryl Rood

In memory of Laverne Sondrol by Carol Tweten

In memory of Cleone Strinden by Pamela Kalbfleisch

In memory of Arlene Vein by Verna Johnson

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Mae Marie Blackmore by Marilyn Lundberg

In memory of Alice Hegge by Marilyn Lundberg

In memory of Robin Hadlich by Rod Mittelsteadt

In memory of Curt Knudsvig by Einar and Elaine Einarson

In memory of Merrilee Nielsen by Einar and Elaine Einarson

SANCTUARY SCREEN

In memory of Irene Goebel by Juel and Jan Hilde

In memory of Robert Wehe by Juel and Jan Hilde

YOUTH FUND

In memory of Robin Hadlich by Cindy Purpur

In memory of Wendy Soule by Cindy Purpur

SPECIAL FUNDS

Youth	82,827.72
Honduras Mission	1,336.82
Foundation	743,659.95
Good Sam	1,555.10
Refugee	5,994.87
Campership	2,349.97
Music	5,642.87
Library	2,943.57
Undesignated Memorials	42,633.44
Landscaping	98.48
Contemporary Worship	75.00
Education	3,842.23
Fine Arts	2,201.28
Missions	33,673.78
Memory Café	5,906.47
Unforgettables Choir	4,819.38
Prayer Chain	12,618.50
LaGrave on First	0.00
Hymnal & Bible Fund	1,379.90
Coffee Shop	0.00
Columbarium	29,090.33
Stephen Ministry	1,033.75
Operation Technology	4,971.08
Organ/Piano	954.45
General Maintenance	3,379.39
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	541.91
Hearing Aid Loop	2,037.00
Building Expansion	317,169.90
Seminary	2,140.95

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>Food Drive Sunday Flu Shot Clinic 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 5:30 pm Call Committee</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 10:30 Community Connection 1:00 pm CLCW</p> <p>6:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm Open & Unafraid Book Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 am Unforgettables 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 2:00 pm Maple View Worship 5:30 pm Worship 5:45 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes 7:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Spark</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 am Rise & Shine High School Bible Study 9:00 am Powerful Tools for Caregivers 5:30 pm Third Grade Milestone Event</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:00 Christus Rex Lunch</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 pm Faith in Film</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:00 pm Gendron/Lee Wedding</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Flu Shot Clinic Third Grade Bible Sunday 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 11:30 am Confirmation Class 3:00 pm Pumpkin Patch 6:00 pm Confirmation Classes</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 1:00 pm Memory Café 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Council</p> <p>6:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm Open & Unafraid Book Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Unforgettables 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 4:00 pm Ruth Circle 5:30 pm Worship 5:45 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes 7:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Spark</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 am Rise & Shine High School Bible Study 9:00 am Powerful Tools for Caregivers</p>	<p>14</p> <p>LWR Truck in GF</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 am Knit/Crochet</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Mentor Event 7:30 pm Youth Gathering Preview Mtg.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 pm Honduras Team Mtg. 8:00 pm Open & Unafraid Book Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Breakfast Perkins 10:30 Community Connection</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 am Priscilla/Sarah Circle 9:30 am Unforgettables 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 pm Worship 5:45 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Choir, Confirmation Classes 8:00 pm Spark</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 am Rise & Shine High School Bible Study 9:00 am Powerful Tools for Caregivers 1:30 pm Sewing Club</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Reading Religiously</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00 pm Open & Unafraid Book Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 9:30 am Quilting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 am Unforgettables 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 pm Worship 5:45 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Choir, Confirmation Classes 8:00 pm Spark</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 am Rise & Shine High School Bible Study 9:00 am Powerful Tools for Caregivers 1:30 pm Sewing Club 4:30 pm Holy Happy Hour</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>SUNDAY OCT. 31 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary 10:45 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Confirmation Class 3:00 pm Trunk or Treat</p>