



**FORWARD
IN FAITH**
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



All glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. EPHESIANS 3:20



OUR VISION

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

People of Calvary,

God's people at Calvary are ready! Ready to move *Forward in Faith*, into the future, beyond debt, to new possibilities through being faithful stewards of His gifts.

In 2012, Calvary members stepped out in faith to better serve our congregation and community. They undertook the "A Growing Place" building project of our Fellowship Hall and youth Sunday school rooms that lead to spaces used well after Sunday morning and for people well beyond the walls of Calvary.

From this building project, we were able to grow – grow our facilities, grow our congregation, and grow our ministries. From the vision and fundraising efforts of our members in 2012, Calvary has experienced a 29% growth in average attendance, thanks to the building of the Fellowship Hall additional space.

In fact, because of our entire Calvary building, we are blessed to serve many different groups, events, and missions, such as: Vacation Bible School, weddings, funerals, Sunday worship, Honduras Rummage Sale, Totally Tables, benefit fundraisers for families in need, Women's Retreat, Memory Café, community forums, Lenten suppers, potlucks, concerts, and so much more. Our entire building continues to be a blessing to many!

We have an opportunity to move forward, stepping out in faith again to:

1) Pay down our mortgage debt before our loan interest rate increases in September 2022; **2)** Repair, rebuild, and refresh critical features of our building that require much-needed attention, thus preparing for future ministry in our community; and **3)** Imagine the possibilities for directing this congregation's generosity toward new visions and missions by establishing a 2020 annual operating budget.

With everyone's participation, Calvary Lutheran Church will continue to be a congregation that welcomes all of God's people, guides and nurtures the faith of our youth, extends a helping hand to those in need, encourages discipleship, offers prayer and resources for healing, teaches the Word of God, serves and unites others for Christ.

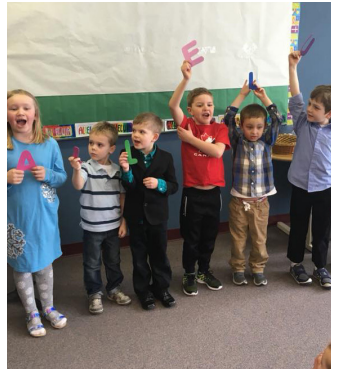
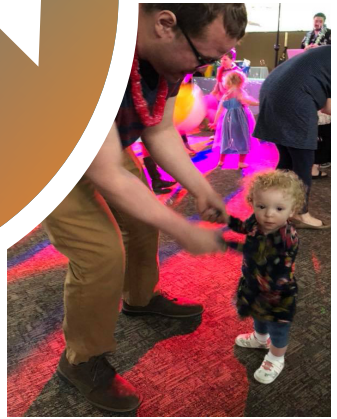
THANK YOU! Your commitment to Calvary continues to help us move *Forward In Faith* in the direction God calls us to grow.

Pastor Kirk



All things are possible to him who believes.

MARK 9:23




YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

To continue meeting the needs of a growing congregation, we are asking for your support on the following three main areas: Ministry, Mortgage and Maintenance.

- 1) **MINISTRY:** Gather \$820,000 in commitments toward an estimated 2020 ministry budget of \$1,059,000
- 2) **MORTGAGE:** Secure \$980,000 in pledges to eliminate our mortgage debt over the next 3 years
- 3) **MAINTENANCE:** Receive \$700,000 to maintain and improve Calvary's property over the next 3 years



Calvary
Lutheran Church



Then he said to them, Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.

LUKE 9:48

MINISTRY | Annual Operations & Stewardship Support (\$820,000 commitments by 2019 | \$1,059,000 given in 2020)

Each fall, many Calvary members will share their giving intentions for the following year. This information is crucial to our financial committee when creating the annual operating budget. Our annual operating budget funds programming, staffing, utilities, outreach, and much more. It is what keeps the mission and vision of Calvary alive every day of the year. Your contributions on an annual basis to our general budget are never too small and are greatly appreciated!

MORTGAGE | Reduction of Church Mortgage Debt (\$980,000)

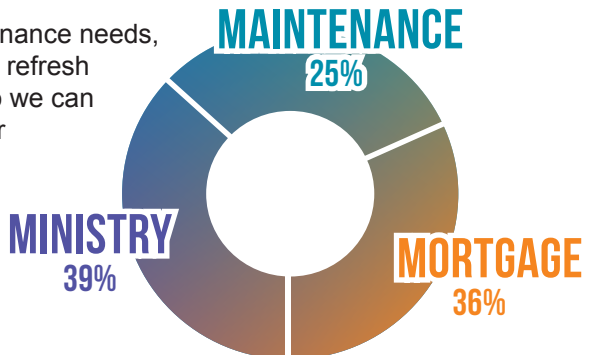
Currently, our building mortgage is roughly under one million dollars. Calvary has been making steady progress towards paying down the mortgage over the years, but not at a rate that would allow the debt to be at zero prior to September 2022, when the interest rate on the loan will increase. With the interest rate increase on the near horizon, we would like to be fiscally responsible and pay off the mortgage prior to that increase. By doing this, we can reduce the financial burden of our congregation and allow for future funds to be allocated toward other ministry opportunities.

MAINTENANCE | Church Building Maintenance Needs (\$700,000)

Our church building continues to have maintenance needs that require attention. These needs include:

- Replacement of our aging HVAC system (furnace and boilers)
- Reconstruction of an expanded parking lot
- Restoration and reconstruction of our sanctuary altar
- Replacement of old carpet and painting of our building interior
- Replacement of Sunday School doors to doors with windows for added safety
- Blinds for Fellowship Hall windows during services
- Video recording equipment for online viewing of sermons for Calvary members and guests that aren't able to make it to services.

By taking care of these maintenance needs, we hope to rebuild, repair, and refresh vital features of our building so we can meet the evolving needs of our congregation and community.



The Forward in Faith campaign is equal parts related to our past, present and future. We've always been a growing place and we are still growing. Every piece of incremental growth has happened because the people of Calvary were visionaries. They weren't simply living for today, they were dreaming of tomorrow. They envisioned their kids and grandkids growing up in fellowship with other Christians. They wanted to serve and ignite others for Christ and knew that if they did that successfully, they would need to expand their walls.

We've expanded walls, added more space and now need to care for and maintain the spaces we currently have, in order to equip ourselves to live out our mission.

HOLY GROUNDS
COFFEEHOUSE OPENS

2008

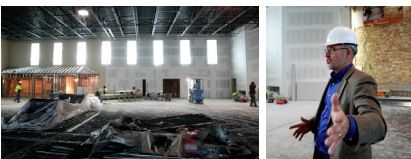


2008

Holy Grounds Coffeehouse
Holy Grounds Coffeehouse was added to the Narthex area in the center of the building as a place of welcome and fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP HALL
CAMPAIGN

2012



2012

Fellowship Hall Campaign

Between Sept. 2012 to Dec. 2013, Calvary was able to raise \$2,348,578 to build a new Fellowship Hall.

After securing a loan for construction, we broke ground April 2014 and a year later, we were able to worship in the new sanctuary, utilize the new kitchen, and teach Sunday School in the new classrooms.

CALVARY MEMBERSHIP
INCREASES AFTER
FELLOWSHIP HALL BUILT

2015



2015

**Fellowship Hall Built /
Membership Growth**

Fellowship Hall built in time for Lent and Easter. Calvary worshiped 1928 people on Easter Sunday. Calvary experiences a 29% growth in average attendance due to the Fellowship Hall additional space.

FORWARD IN FAITH
CAMPAIGN

2020



2020 - 2022
Forward in Faith

After 66 years of serving and igniting people for Christ, Calvary launches campaign to support Ministry, Mortgage & Maintenance.



We are a community of people who are continually growing in faith and living to serve our neighbors in love. Through our generous, gracious congregation and staff we are able to impact lives by offering a variety of worship styles, classes, activities, and programs. We take seriously our mission to “serve and ignite people for Christ.” Calvary is a big small church where individuals matter, relationships are real, and Jesus is very, very good! Here are some of the ways God is allowing us to impact our community through Calvary Lutheran Church.

WEEKLY

Traditional Worship
Contemporary Worship (2x)
Wednesday Worship
Nursery
Prayground
Sunday School
Wednesday School
Confirmation Classes
Middle School Spark
Tuesday Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Coffee
Morning for Moms
Stephen Ministry
Care Team
Bell Choir
Calvary Choir
Unforgettables Choir
Holy Grounds Coffeehouse
Comfort Meal Ministry
Wedding & Funeral Team





MONTHLY

*Faith in Film
 Memory Café
 Baptism Classes
 Pre-marriage Classes
 New Member Orientations
 High School Events
 Thursday Mission Quilters
 Men's Bible Study*

*Prayer Shawls
 Widow/Widower Support Group
 Food Drive Sunday
 Foster Parent & Adoptive Support
 Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts
 God Talk on Tap
 Middle School Events
 Dinner Church*

ANNUALLY

*Family Dance
 Totally Tables
 Ash Wednesday
 Lent / Lenten Meals
 Maundy Thursday
 Good Friday
 Easter Worship
 Women's Retreats
 Men's Retreats
 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
 Angel Tree
 Lutheran Disaster Response
 Annual Youth Mission Trip
 Honduras Mission Trip
 Ethiopia Mission Trip*

*Feed My Starving Children
 Bible Camp
 Salad Luncheon
 Bazaar
 Bike Blessing
 Vacation Bible School
 Backpack Blessing
 Fall Kick-Off Sunday
 Fall Festival
 All Saints Day
 Thanksgiving Eve Worship
 Advent Festival
 Christmas Eve Worship
 Christmas Worship
 Annual Meeting*



STEP 1

Prayerfully CONSIDER YOUR COMMITMENT

All members & friends of Calvary are invited to consider a commitment based on the ability God has given to each.

PART 1: MINISTRY

All members are encouraged to make a **1-Year Commitment** to either continue or increase their current support for the daily work of Calvary Lutheran Church during the coming year.

This table of gifts illustrates the pledge amounts needed to maintain Calvary's current annual ministry budget.

Part 1 MINISTRY GIFTS/PLEDGES NEEDED DURING 2020			
NUMBER OF PLEDGES	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	YEAR TOTAL
3	\$288	\$1,250	\$15,000
7	\$192	\$833	\$10,000
15	\$144	\$625	\$7,500
25	\$96	\$417	\$5,000
50	\$48	\$208	\$2,500
125	\$23	\$100	\$1,200
125	\$15	\$67	\$800
125	\$10	\$42	\$500
125	\$5	\$21	\$250

PART 2: MORTGAGE & MAINTENANCE

Those who are able to make gifts and commitments over and above their current support for Calvary are also invited to consider this additional **3-Year Commitment**.

This table of gifts illustrates the pledge amounts needed.

Part 2 MORTGAGE & MAINTENANCE GIFTS/PLEDGES NEEDED OVER 3 YEARS			
NUMBER OF PLEDGES	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	3-YEAR TOTAL
2	\$801	\$3,472	\$125,000
5	\$321	\$1,389	\$50,000
12	\$160	\$694	\$25,000
20	\$64	\$278	\$10,000
30	\$48	\$208	\$7,500
41	\$32	\$139	\$5,000
50	\$19	\$83	\$3,000
60	\$6	\$28	\$1,000
80	\$3	\$14	\$500

GIVING SLOWLY SCENARIOS

Maximize your gift without the financial strain by giving over a 3-year timeframe.

SCENARIO 1 | Shelly is a single mom with a limited income. Her gratitude for Calvary runs deep. She would take great joy in giving at least \$1,000 to the campaign, but she could never imagine coming up with that kind of money for a single gift.

OUTCOME | She discovers that a gift of only \$28 a month over 3 years would make that possible. Every gift, no matter the amount, is appreciated.

**\$28 a month (\$0.90/day)
x 3 years = \$1,000 Gift**

SCENARIO 2 | Kevin would like to give but is on a tight budget. Instead of adding to his budget, he made the decision to "give up" four days of his daily order at a gourmet coffee shop and use that money as his gift to the campaign.

OUTCOME | While Kevin still enjoys 3 days of his gourmet coffee each week, he donates the other 4 days (\$4.75 coffee order) and is able to make a significant gift of \$3,000 to Calvary without feeling a strain on his budget.

**\$19 a week (four \$4.75 coffees)
x 3 years = \$3,000 Gift**

Please move forward in faith
with us to provide for the
ministry & mission of Calvary.

HOW DO I GIVE?

STEP 2 CHOOSE YOUR METHOD & WAY OF GIVING

METHODS

Cash • Stock • IRA Distributions • Assets

For more information about gifting stock, IRAs,
or other assets, or call Heather Vandervort
at (701)772-4897.

WAYS TO GIVE

In Person • By Mail • Online • Automated

Calvary encourages those new to the habit of giving
to establish automated monthly gifts. These can be
easily set up through CalvaryGF.org

STEP 3 CHOOSE YOUR METHOD & WAY OF GIVING

Share your commitment in writing on a campaign
intention form. Mail or bring it to worship on, or before,

**Forward in Faith Commitment Sunday
November 17, 2019**



Thank You

YOUR COMMITMENT TO CALVARY
CONTINUES TO HELP US MOVE

FORWARD IN FAITH



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