

CALVARY CALLING

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March 2020

Last month at Calvary...

Calvary Updates

This is a forum to find out what's happening at Calvary. Our church is a living, breathing place. Take some time to read about the body that is Calvary so we can tell each other and the community our story, who we are, what we care about and what we believe.

In These Pages...

Calvary is a big church with a lot going on! That means many ways to connect with your church family- worship events, education opportunities for all ages, classes, groups, and activities.

There is something for everyone...take a look!



FAMILY DANCE

Some Calvary families took some time together to dance the night away and have some burgers and milkshakes at the Sock Hop Family Dance. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this fun night possible.



ASH WEDNESDAY

This month we switched gears into the season of Lent. It is such a joy to see the confirmation students serving and leading worship. Join us on wednesdays for the season of Lent.



HONDURAS

The Honduras team traveled and served in El Triunfo this month. They provided medicine, medical care, food and Bible school fun to the kids in the Calvary food program. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

CALVARY CHOIR

On Ash Wednesday the congregation prayed the Calvary Choir on their way to NYC to sing at Carnegie Hall in an intergenerational choir.



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR KIRK



Can we, as a congregation, imagine the difficulties the month of March might very well be throwing our way? Think about:

- the growing threat of coronavirus challenging our medical infrastructure, possibly isolating us from each other and stifling our local and regional economy,
- the possibility of above average precipitation negatively impacting area agriculture and
- an increasingly polarizing rhetoric on the political landscape as we get closer to November.

I'm hoping and praying that God's voice in our Lenten theme, "Come to Your Senses," will be received in two ways: with a certain humility that becomes capable of listening to the cries of those in deep frustration AND a certain mission that trusts God's presence rather than any rumors of God's carelessness, absence or even demise.

So as we're worshipping together, please join me in sensing God's indelible mercy through our physical bodies where God delights to meet and redeem us! After all, we believe and trust that God meets us at the Communion table in the absolutely physicality of bread and wine. Come and see (and hear, touch, smell and taste)...

Pastor Kirk



WHAT'S NEW WITH THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

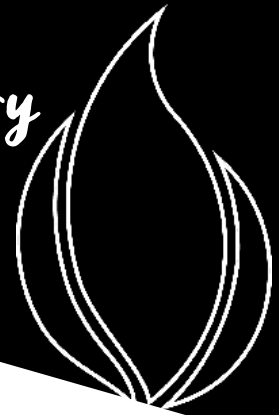
We are so thankful for the ways you have given to the church as we move *Forward in Faith* together!

This month we were able to order carpet! The project was bid on by several places and allowed us to get an exceptional deal. The carpet will be installed in-kind by a Calvary member who installed the flooring in the rest of the building. What an amazing gift to share. The captial campaign team has worked hard and said we would not spend money before funds were secured, and this month we got to make our first official order! How amazing.

It is an exciting time at Calvary because of your generosity! We will keep you updated every month on what is happening next! Are you wondering how you can contribute? Feel free to contact Pastor Kirk or Pastor Ivy!

THANK YOU **THANK YOU** **THANK YOU** **THANK YOU**
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Calvary CONNECTS



GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



MEMORY CAFE

Thursdays @ 9:00 a.m.

The Memory Cafe will be held on Tuesday, March 10 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. with Jessica Foley and Nichole Kiel from the UND Speech and Language Department presenting on How Alzheimer's/Dementia Affects Speech, Language and Swallowing. Refreshments will be served following the program. All are welcome. The event is free.

SEWING CLUB

March 5 & 19 @ 1:30 p.m.

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

March 31 @ 9:30 a.m.

Interested in quilting? 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!

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

March 21 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Patterns available
- Learn about prayer shawl ministry
- Come and work on your own projects
- Learners always welcome--supplies and patient teachers available!

THE HOLY LAND

Visit the Holy Land with Pastor Ivy Feb 3-13, 2021 (with an optional Jordan extension through Feb. 17). Visit sites of Roman antiquities, where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, King David's Tomb, and learn about the culture and struggles of today. This trip is being organized by Pastor Sarah Raymond and Sunlight Tours. An informational meeting will be held Sunday, March 22 at 4:00 pm at Calvary. Cost for the trip is \$2100 + airfare (estimated to be \$2000). For more information, pick up a brochure in the church office or talk to Pastor Ivy. Commitment deadline has been set for April 1, 2020.

UNPLUGGED RETREAT

Who: Young Adults (college, 20's, and 30's)

Where: Red Willow Bible Camp

What: An opportunity to unplug from all the stress and worry of work, politics, social media, parenting, electronics, and busyness. Plug into a weekend of: worship, cross country skiing, camp fires, crafting, prayer, quiet, games, and quality time over shared meals.

Wellness Presenter: Pastor Ivy Shulz from Calvary Lutheran will lead us in a workshop on wellness Saturday and provide the message on Sunday morning.

Register by Sunday, March 15: Registration is \$25 per person or \$10 for college students Funds are available if the cost is prohibitive. This cost covers the event, your lodging in a bunk room, food, snacks, activities, etc. Private rooms are available for an additional \$10.

MORNING FOR MOMS

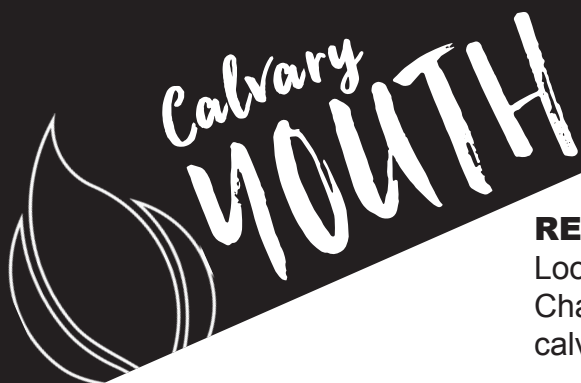
Thursdays @ 9:00 a.m.

Calling all moms!! Do you have a desire to connect with other moms of faith? Come join us from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for the Mom's Bible Study! There will be care for children upon request. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny through the church office for further information.

WIDOW/WIDOWER SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays beginning March 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

To help with grief and to help make changes and adjustments in life. The group is spiritually centered, interdenominational, led by clergy and lay leaders. It is open to anyone in the area, for any age, who has experienced the death of a spouse. There is no fee. You may attend as many of the sessions as possible. Sessions are happening on Mondays in the Calvary in the Narthex. For information call Phyllis at 701-775-7444.



REGISTER

Looking for where to sign up for mission trips and events? Chances are it's on the Youth Registrations page!
calvarygf.org/youth-registration

JOIN US ON BAND

Looking for a way to stay connected? Join us on the calvarygyouth BAND! This app will regularly be updated with events, dates, and other helpful information. We hope the BAND app will be a helpful communication tool that both parents and youth are able to message, post, and receive information in a fast and effective way. band.us/@calvarygyouth

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation students will be assisting during Lenten worship services throughout the month of March. Students are encouraged to attend worship on Wednesday evenings with their families.

JOIN US FOR LENTEN DINNERS!

This year's Middle & High School Mission Trip teams are excited to serve you Lenten Dinners this season! We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday evening during our Lenten season from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for a delicious meal. Proceeds will go to support the middle school youth traveling to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the senior high youth traveling to Logan, West Virginia.

MARCH 4
MARCH 11
MARCH 18
MARCH 25
APRIL 1

POPPYSEED CHICKEN
TACO BAR
TURKEY TIDBITS
TATOR TOT HOTDISH
CHEESY CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Regular Meal Prices:

Adults: \$7

Children (grade 5 and under): \$5

2 year olds and younger: Free

Fastpass available for \$35

Family Fastpass available for \$80



COMING SOON!

FAMILY MISSION TRIO - JUNE 2020

We will be traveling to the Minneapolis area and enjoying some fun, fellowship and mission work together as a family. For more information contact Nichole or Aaron Bye.



FAMILY JUMP DAY AT NORTHERN AIR

Sunday, February 8 @ 2:00 pm

Join us at **NORTHERN AIR FAMILY FUN CENTER** for an afternoon of family fun! Enjoy an hour of jumping and laser tag for \$5 per child and \$10 per adult who is jumping. Sign up on the Calvary Website on the "March Events" page.

MITTEN TREE

Thank you for your donations to the Mitten Tree! All of the hats, scarves and mittens have been donated to the Grand Forks Public Schools and will be distributed throughout the school system. We appreciate your generosity!

WHAT ARE THE KIDS LEARNING?

The themes for Sunday/Wednesday school for the weeks in March are as follows:

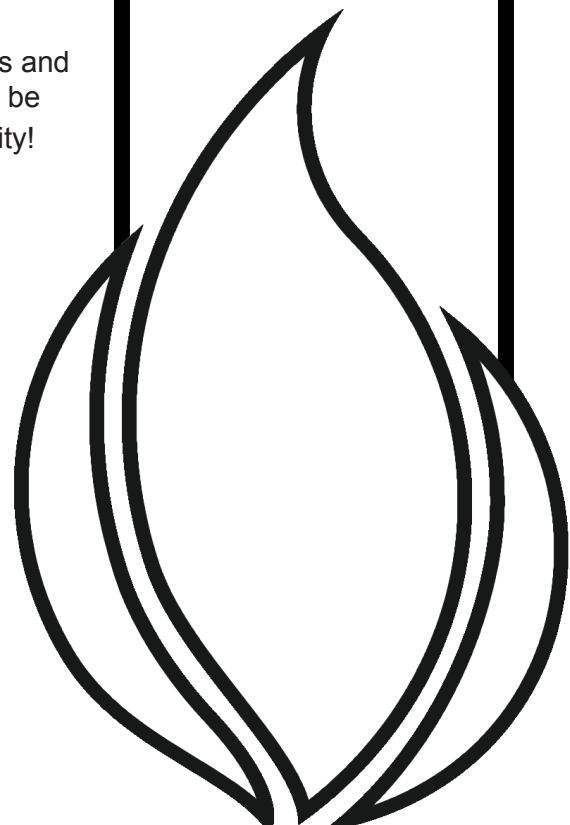
- 1- Boy at the Temple
- 8- John the Baptist
- 15- Jesus Goes to Nazareth
- 22- The Disciples
- 29- Holy Week Lessons

REGISTER TODAY!

There is always time!
If you are a new member or have just been thinking about signing your child up for education opportunities at Calvary, YOU CAN!

Contact Nichole through the church office.

You don't have to be a member to sign up. Let's learn and grow in faith!



OUR RECORD OF PARTICIPATION

OFFERINGS

1/19/20	7,881.62
1/26/20	12,353.15
2/2/20	21,972.81
2/9/20	5,263.26
2/16/20	30,719.57
2/23/20	6,460.00

Proposed 2020 Budget -- \$1,089,087

Offering received through 2/24/20 -- \$140,605

Expenses through 2/24/20 -- \$154,991

BALANCE OF BUILDING EXPANSION LOAN

\$964,811.66

Baptisms:

- February 2 - Cora Jane McLean child of Mike and Liza McLean
February 2 - Zane Aaron Fertig child of Matt Purpur, Jordan Monette, Jake Purpur, Parker Monette
February 16 - Ophelia Geneva Gilbertson, child of Matthew and Alissa Gilbertson
February 16 - Westin Riley Anderson, child of Grant and Desirae Anderson

Our Prayers & Christian Sympathy To:

- The family of Betty Hillesland who died February 2.
The family of Robert Warner who died February 10.
Brenda Haugen whose husband, Lee Haugen died February 14.
Marian Gates whose husband, Charles Gates died February 15.
Jody Strade whose mother, Marilyn Barry died February 26.
Jenna Sepulveda whose dad, Dean Smith died February 27.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In memory of Mylah Olson by Ervin Olson

BUILDING FUND

- In memory of Jerry Kvasager by Lawrence and Jeanette Brokke
In memory of Mylah Olson by Ervin Olson
In memory of Raymond Fischer by Kathy and Mel Hertel
In memory of G.G. Giere by Lawrence and Jeanette Brokke
In memory of Herb Wogsland by Jan and Juel Hilde, Lloyd and Beulah Staveteig, Sharon and Moine Gates
In memory of Leo Ketterman by Mel and Kathy Hertel

MEMORY CAFE

In memory of Raymond Fischer by Jerry and Kay Flom, Scott and Sharon Roche, Patrick Maddock, Paul and Gloria Fladland, Annette Palmgren, Andy and Gail Swanson, Wendy Soule, David and Cheryl Lueker, Everett and Karen Knudsvig, Kirk and Joan Smith, Marjorie Murray, Patricia Merritt, Irene and Arden Shores, Bradley and Amy Bail, Alan and Katy Johnson, Dennis and Joan Johnson, Charles and Colleen Zick, Gerald and Mary Joyce, Sharon and Moine Gates, Jon and Laura Raymond, Mark and Gloria Sanford, Harlan and Darlene Dyrud, Daniel Ryan, Clair and Florine Rowe

UNFORGETTABLES CHOIR

In memory of Raymond Fischer by Bradley and Gayle Affedt, Mary Ann and Terry McKenna, Edith Soli, Budd & Nona Wennersten, Betty Jane Lamb, Devera Lou Warcup, William Haug, Berry and Anna Folson, Ellen Dickson, Gweyndale and Marge Bayne, John Warcup, Beverly Witt, Kent and Laurella Caulfield, Doris and John Lambie, Robert and Deborah Bowman, Patti Johnson, Michael and Lois Delmore, Maureen Walker, Georgine Johnson, Jason Peterson family, Michael and Ann Brown, Paul and Lois Gillespie, The Grunyons, Daniel Ryan, Todd and Jackie Schaefer

GOOD SAM

In memory of Raymond Fischer, Suzan Huus, Gary Zick and Karen Bakken by Calvary Lutheran Church Women

FOUNDATION

In memory of Gary Zick by Andy and Gail Swanson, Cec Kvande

In memory of Raymond Fischer by Larry and Ellen Hoiberg

PIANO/ORGAN

In memory of Raymond Fischer by Sara Bloom

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Suzan Huus by Claire and Charles Lyche, Wesley Dunham

Look for more memorials in APRIL

FUNDS AS OF MARCH 2019

Youth	70,275.58
Honduras Mission	37,728.43
Foundation	674,121.75
Good Sam	2,202.83
Refugee	5,994.87
Campership	884.97
Music	2,658.87
Library	2,416.26
Undesignated Memorials	42,633.44
Landscaping	220.33
Contemporary Worship	717.4
Education	10,425.27
Fine Arts	1,876.28
Missions	45,175.25
Memory Caf�	4,563.96
Unforgettables Choir	5,061.57
Prayer Chain	12,540.5
LaGrave on First	6,558.8
Hymnal & Bible Fund	1,282.02
Coffee Shop	0
Columbarium	23,267.08
Stephen Ministry	933.75
Operation Technology	4,673.37
Organ/Piano	1,015.09
General Maintenance	2,557.96
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	516.91
Hearing Aid Loop	2,037
Furnace	58,113.56
Carpet	7,000
Building Expansion	325,091.28
Seminary	2,115.95

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Food Drive Sunday 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 4:30 pm 9th & 10th Grade Mentor Event	2 6:00 pm Bell Choir	3 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 1:00 pm CLCW 6:00 pm LaGrave Meal Ministry 6:30 pm Lent Meal Prep 7:00 pm Worship Team	4 10:00 am Unforgotten ables Choir 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 2:00 pm Maple View Worship 5:00 pm Lenten Dinner 6:00 pm Wednesday School 6:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:00 pm Choir 7:15 pm Lenten Worship	5 9:00 am Morning for Moms 1:00 pm Book of Matthew Study 1:30 pm Sewing Club	6	7
8 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Family Jump Day	9 6:00 pm Bell Choir	10 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 12:00 pm Memory Café 6:00 pm LaGrave Meal Ministry 6:00 pm Finance Team 6:30 pm Lent Meal Prep 7:00 pm Council	11 7:30 am High School Breakfast 10:00 am Unforgotten ables Choir 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 5:00 pm Lenten Dinner 6:00 pm Wednesday School 6:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:00 pm Choir 7:15 pm Lenten Worship	12 9:00 am Morning for Moms 1:00 pm Book of Matthew Study 7:00 pm Bunco	13 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch	14
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