

# CALVARY CALLING

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October 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!



### MILESTONE MINISTRY

The Milestone Ministry year has begun at Calvary and it has been so fun to watch faith learning be put in the hands of families. Each grade group will have events throughout the year that will help encourage learning and growing in faith. Parents, grandparents, even siblings get an active role in teaching and living out faith. Three-year-olds got their very own SPARK Bibles and first graders made home altars. There is still time to sign up!



### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes have begun also! In the new confirmation program there are small groups of eight with a teacher, so it has been (so far) safe to meet in the building with distancing and masks. It has been so cool for our pastors and staff to get know the kids of Calvary on a more personal level while learning the important parts of the Lutheran faith.



### PARKING LOT

We were able to use the parking lot in new ways in September with some outdoor worship services and even a movie in the parking lot!



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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR IVY

"The Eyes of Jesus"



*"I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever..."*

Psalm 145:1

*"Hear O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might."*

Deuteronomy 6:4-5



Generation upon generation of Jewish people have prayed these two biblical readings for the best of reasons. As many of us pray the Lord's Prayer or "Come Lord Jesus, be our guest..." and "Now I lay me down to sleep..."

God's chosen people recite, usually by memory, Psalm 145:1-21 every morning as a part of their daily routine. (Nice way to wake up!) I recommend this practice wholeheartedly! And in the same Spirit that calls us out into life, our Jewish sisters and brothers have also routinely recited Deuteronomy 6:4-5, called the Shema, as they are about to leave this world that God has generously provided. Again, this end-of-life confession of faith is as awesome as it is familiar to the Jewish people who follow the one, living God. We have much to learn from our close cousins!

So the theme of this newsletter article is the inherent value of routinely making use of certain faith practices. As we continue to experience all that has been "exposed" by this global pandemic: worshipping God, including weddings and funerals, together, discussing God's hopeful, explosive word together, physically expressing joys and sorrows in homes and other public places, so much is missed AND NEEDED! Thank God for all the creative ways we've figured out to remain at least somewhat attached!

I maintain that in times like this, and there will always be times such as this, God calls us to make routine, certain faith practices that impact our immediate environment. Like you, I have a sense of being in exile, of feeling some pain because of our forced separateness. And like you, I wonder if there is actually more unexpected brokenness, community violence coming our way too. How is God calling Calvary to provide a community of grace to those who live in the midst of great upheaval? This is the exact time and place that I am advocating the deep necessity of routinely praying the Bible - from Psalm 145 to Deuteronomy 6 to the Gospel stories to other books of scripture (even Ecclesiastes and Lamentations for those who can handle it!) in order to listen and speak to others.

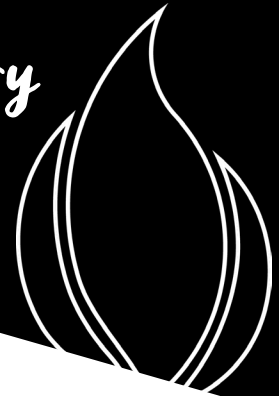
I believe both Calvary, and the community God has called us to serve, will benefit in unexpected ways because of this COVID-19's long-term presence. One important way of perceiving this benefit, this gift from God in the first place, is to routinely practice hearing just how God has done this reforming, this covenanting, in the past. It's right there in front of us as we open God's word that breathes God's Spirit so that we can listen and speak to others. It's an old, and truth be told, an odd story that promises to reveal God's renewing presence to us. Practice on!

*Pastor Kirk*

# Calvary CONNECTS

## GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



### KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

Join us **October 17 @ 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!

### SEWING CLUB

**October 15 @ 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

**October 27 @ 9:30 a.m.**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Quilting Day on the last Tuesday of the month. Come for an hour or two or the day!

### FAITH IN FILM

**October 16 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Faith in Film. We will watch a contemporary movie, everything from dramas, action, sci-fi and more! We will then discuss how God speaks to us through the story, characters and dialogue in the movie! Contact the church office to find out the movie and sign up for a spot! This group is geared to adults ages 18+. Masks will be required.

### 100TH BIRTHDAY THANK YOU

On behalf of Cleone Strinden, we want to thank you for your beautiful birthday cards and letters, phone calls and well-wishes, and all that you did to help make her 100th birthday most memorable! She was beyond touched and delighted with the outpouring of wishes from all of you. Because of your kindness, her special day was nothing short of fabulous!!!! Our sincere thanks!  
Cleone and family

### FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY

**October 4**

The first Sunday of each month Calvary hosts a food drive. Even if we are not worshipping together in the building at that time we can still come together to help out the community. 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. If we do not have in-person worship that Sunday we will have a shopping cart in the entryway at Door 1. Ideas include:

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

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Calvary participated in the spring collection drive for Lutheran World Relief. We were able to send: **34 quilts, 4 baby care kits.** The truck will be back in town October 15 and 16.

### JEREMIAH/LAMENTATIONS BIBLE & BOOK STUDY

**October 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Join Pastor Kirk at Calvary for a socially distant Bible study and book club. You will explore the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations as well as a partner book called *Longing for Home*. The books have been ordered, and we are waiting for their arrival. Call or email the church office to reserve your book!

### UNDIES SUNDAY

We are working with United Way this October! We are collecting donations of undergarments for YOUTH in our community (infants, children, and teens). Undergarments should be new and unopened, and can include underwear, socks, diapers, hygiene products, and feminine hygiene products. The box for donations is located in the entryway of Door 1 at Calvary!

**UNFORGETTBABLES****Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.**

Due to Covid-19 the Unforgettables Choir will be meeting on Zoom this fall, which will be entirely different than our usual Wednesday morning rehearsals have been in the past. Many of our choir members have let us know that they are missing each other and singing together so we have decided to try a virtual choir.

We will meet weekly on Zoom, and we will be singing familiar music with KariJo O'Keefe leading us on the piano and Mary Ann directing. During the singing portion of the morning everyone will be muted so no one else will be able to hear you singing.

A link will be sent out via email to those interested in participating so please call the church office at 701-772-4897 or email Mary Ann at [maryann.devig@calvarygf.org](mailto:maryann.devig@calvarygf.org) to be added to the Unforgettables email list!

**MEMORY CAFE****October 13 @ 1:00 p.m.**

The Memory Cafe will have a new look this year due to COVID-19. Rather than meeting in our large group in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary we are going to host our meetings on Zoom.

Our presentation will be "Stress and Resiliency." We will be taking this time to see each other again (even if it is virtual rather than in person), visit about changes in our lives and learn about the new technology.

Mary Ann will be sending out a link via email a week before the event so if you are NOT on the Memory Cafe email list please call the church office at 701-772-4897 to let us know you would like to be added or email Mary Ann at [maryann.devig@calvarygf.org](mailto:maryann.devig@calvarygf.org).

**DRIVE THRU FLU SHOTS**

Calvary will be hosting drive-thru flu shots on Wednesday, October 7, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, October 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.-You will stay in your vehicle the entire time and the nurses will come to you.

Each person who would like to receive a flu shot must have completed a form and be wearing a mask while receiving the flu shot. A copy of the form is included in the newsletter, please complete the form prior to coming through the drive-thru. Additional forms may be obtained by Door 1 at Calvary. Welcore Health can take Medicare and no copay is necessary. They also accept most insurances. Please be sure to bring your insurance card!

**MAIN OFFICE**

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**Grand Forks, ND 58201**

Mon - Th | 8:30am - 4:00pm

Fri | 8:30am - 12:00pm

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Site \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

WelCore Health, LLC. 718 Oak Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201-4460  
 EIN: 27-5414185, NPI: 1760780126, Office: 701-330-4216, Fax 1-800-958-7702  
[maggiesoeby@gmail.com](mailto:maggiesoeby@gmail.com), [www.welcorehealth.com](http://www.welcorehealth.com) (August 2020)

<b>Print:</b> Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial:	<b>Date of Birth:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>Circle one:</b> Male Female	<b>Native American or Alaska Native? (circle)</b> Yes No	<b>Can we text or e-mail you with questions? (circle)</b> Yes No
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<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<b>City, State, 9 Digit Zip Code:</b>	<b>MANDATORY: Phone Number (include area code), Email (optional)</b>
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We accept the listed insurances. Circle your insurance.	Health Cost Solution	Medica *	Preferred One	Tricare 4 Life
Aetna	Health EZ	Medicaid	Railroad Medicare	United HealthCare
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Partners	Medicare	Sanford Health *	UCare/MHCP
Cigna	Humana	Medicare Advantage Plans	Tricare West	Uninsured

**\*Not all insurance plans cover vaccines by WelCore Health. You are responsible for the cost of the vaccine if your insurance does not pay. Call the number on the back of your insurance card to check for coverage.**

**Insurance Policy holder: How are you related to person being vaccinated?** Self \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female \_\_\_\_\_

Policy/Member ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

Medicaid #: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicare Part B: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicare Supplement / Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

For uninsured **children** we request a \$20.99 donation to cover vaccine administration. \*No child will be turned away regardless of the ability to pay for vaccine administration. (cash/ check, payable to **WelCore Health**). Vaccine is free for those 18 years and younger who are American Indian, Alaska Native, on Medicaid, are Uninsured or Underinsured (insurance doesn't cover vaccines).

Please circle a response.

Yes	No	Has the person to be vaccinated had a serious reaction to a vaccine in the past (such as a seizure)? Describe Symptoms:
Yes	No	Has the person to be vaccinated had Guillain-Barre Syndrome after a vaccine?
Yes	No	<b>Flu vaccine for children 6 months – 8 years: Has your child received a total of at least 2 doses of flu vaccine in the past? If no or unknown give 2 doses four weeks apart. If yes, give 1 dose.</b>
Yes	No	<b>Is the person to be vaccinated pregnant, breastfeeding, immunocompromised, have asthma, wheezing, is 2-17 years old on aspirin therapy, diabetic or have other chronic diseases? (Do not get Flumist if you answered yes to any of these questions)</b>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AUTHORIZATION & ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS:** A copy of the Vaccine Information Statement has been provided. I have read the information. I had an opportunity to ask questions and believe I understand the benefits and risks of the vaccine. **I consent to the administration of the vaccine to be given to the person named above and I am authorized to give this consent.** Information collected on this form will be used to document authorization of receipt of vaccine and I consent to the exchange of this information with the ND Immunization Information System and with other entities in accordance with ND Century Code 23-01-05.3. As an individual I am legally obligated to pay for medical services provided to the client or a guarantor of payment, **I agree to pay and am financially responsible** for the established charges provided to the client not covered by third-party payers. I assign and **authorize any third-party payer/insurer** to make direct payment to WelCore Health. I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I acknowledge that I have been provided with WelCore's Notice of Privacy Practices. It is available online at [www.welcorehealth.com](http://www.welcorehealth.com).

**SIGNATURE OF PATIENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN**

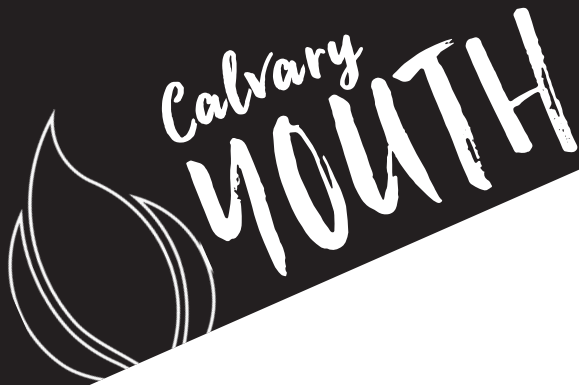
**Date**

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Vaccine	Route	Vis Date	Mfg.	Lot Number	State or Private	Admin. Site	Nurse's Initials & Date
Influenza Inactive	IM	08/15/2019	Seq SP GSK		S P	RD LD RT LT	
Flumist	Nasal	08/15/2019	AZ		S P	Nose	

Assessment/ Teaching Nurse:

Does the person to be vaccinated feel ill today? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



# CONFIRMATION

Confirmation at Calvary is looking different these days but it's so fun! There is always time to join if you haven't yet. We are excited to offer classes and experiences that focus on relationships and that you can participate in at your own pace. If you haven't yet had a chance to get acquainted with the changes that are taking place with confirmation program at Calvary, I invite you to go to [calvarygf.org/confirmation](http://calvarygf.org/confirmation) to learn more.

## Here are some upcoming classes:

### Core Classes

- Creeds & Commandments | Begins October 14
- Creeds & Commandments | Begins November 1

### Elective Classes

- Women in the Bible | Begins November 16
- Watching God | November 15
- Faith & Music | October 28
- Kidding Around | October 14

### Enrichment Experiences

Mentor Event: October 11

Faith Expressions (for students being confirmed): October 18

**For a complete list of classes go to [calvarygf.org](http://calvarygf.org)**



### TRUNK-OR-TREAT

October 25 | 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, October 25, as we host Trunk-or-Treat in the Calvary parking lot. Littles will get to stop at the decorated vehicles and trick-or-treat out of trunks! Special guests include the Grand Forks Police Department, Safe Kids, Christus Rex Campus Ministry, Smiling Moose and more! This event will be outdoors, arrows will be used ensuring everyone moves in one direction, and masks and distance will be used to make sure this event is as safe as possible for all!



### OCTOBER MILESTONE MINISTRY EVENTS: SIGN UP TODAY

October 4: Four and Five-Year Olds

October 11: Kindergarteners

October 18: Third Graders

October 25: Fourth Graders

There is still time to sign up for the Milestone Ministry Year at Calvary. Different grade groups will have events specifically for them several times a year. Learn more by visiting [calvarygf.org/calvary-kids](http://calvarygf.org/calvary-kids)

# Highlights of the CHURCH COUNCIL September 2020



## **Treasurer's Report - Overview**

August income was \$3,000 lower than the prior year.

Each month there are gifts received that are annual, quarterly, or a family "catching up" or "paying ahead" that makes a difference on a monthly giving level. Calvary was able to offer three dates for drive-thru communion in August. About 50 people were served communion on each of the dates. Synod Assembly for the Eastern North Dakota Synod was held in the middle of August and a new bishop was elected. Backpacks were blessed at an outdoor worship service on August 30 for all those who have already begun or will begin school in the next couple weeks.

Year-to-date income through August was \$8,300 lower than the prior year and \$15,500 lower than the five-year average. Expenses year-to-date through August were \$22,000 lower than the prior year and \$17,600 lower than the five-year average. It is amazing even without in-house worship Calvary's members and friends continue to support Calvary at a comparable level to prior years. Thanks be to God!

## **Council Business**

HVAC will be installed into the sanctuary by the end of October. The Calvary Constitution & Bylaws committee has been meeting in conjunction with the EaND synod office and are close to completing their review. The group has had good discussion related to the size of the group and realigning council to not duplicate roles that may be on staff. We decided certainly many of the committees need to march on, however the report out can be done possibly quarterly and not needing every committee chair or co-chair to be on council. The next step would be to call a congregation meeting sometime before the end of the year. Any changes to council structure would be facilitated through the Nominating Committee and carried out at the close of the congregation annual meeting. There have been no major changes that the group put forth other than council/officer structure, really the goal is to put some defined roles and responsibilities to each member to make council as efficient and meaningful as possible.

## **Officers and Ministry Teams**

Confirmation classes are in progress with registrations coming in for future classes. With the new program in place people can sign up at any time without the feeling that they are behind. There are going to be several services live-streamed for those affirming their baptisms this year. Each confirmand gets a few guests and there will be limited numbers at each service. Calvary worked with our internet provider and our IT company and streaming company this month to fix a few glitches with worship streaming. A portable sound board was purchased to be able to do outdoor worship with speakers and events in the parking lot. We are still working on this system to make it the best it can be but we have made good gains as far as audio quality. Going forward, congregation members may be getting a full newsletter at the beginning of each month or a mini newsletter with follow-up mailings. Keeping Calvary updated with current information in print has posed a challenge due to the constantly changing environment. Be sure to subscribe to emails and check our social media pages if you have access! The church council is putting together a reopen plan which correlates more with Grand Forks County rankings than state rankings. It is a color-based system so people can know what safety measures we will take in different color categories. We will be reviewing the plan at the October 13 council meeting. This information, when finalized, will go out as a congregational mailing.

# OUR RECORD OF PARTICIPATION

## OFFERINGS

8/2/20	20,377.00
8/9/20	8,664.40
8/16/20	15,125.07
8/23/20	5,816.90
8/30/20	12,385.00
9/6/20	10,326.40
9/13/20	23,428.07
9/20/20	2,240.00

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

Offering received through 9/15/20 -- 563,105

Expenses through 9/15/20 -- \$636,971

## **BALANCE OF BUILDING EXPANSION LOAN**

### **\$945,932.92**

### Baptisms:

<b>Elliot Marcus Balvitsch</b>	8/30
Parents: Forrest and Megan	
<b>Karsyn Lynne Sitzer</b>	9/13
Parents: Thomas and Tina	
<b>Quinn Ann Caillier</b>	9/19
Parents: Jeff and Brittany	
<b>Caleb Norman Vanderpan</b>	9/27
Parents: Matt and McKynsay	

### Our Prayers & Christian Sympathy To:

Rebecca Mehlhoff and Jeanine Omdahl whose father, Glen Stevens, died August 12.

Karl Bollingberg whose mother, Margaret died August 30.

Marnie Larsen whose mother, Suzanna Loken, died September 1.

Jared and Lindsey Johnson (Kylie and Quinn) whose daughter Ava Johnson died September 9.

Kim Riske whose sister died in September.

## MEMORIALS & GIFTS

### LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Dorothy Westlund by Joan Camburn

### GENERAL FUND

In memory of Dorothy Kroetsch by Carl and Vickie Kroetsch

In memory of Dorothy Westlund by Douglas and Arlene Herzog, Ron Apanian, Richard and Nancy Linback, :Paul and Julie Saurdiff, James and Judy Schill, LeRoy and Judy Sondrol, Gary Anderson, Betty Jane Lamb, Larry and Janet Eickman, Charles and Colleen Zick, Kirk and Joan Smith, George and Nancy Myron, Barbara Stolz, Devera Lou Warcup, Dennis and Joan Johnson, Kenneth and Marcia Retzer, Corey and Jill Campbell, Dwight and Ruth Thompson, Patrick Maddock, Scott and Kaye Hayden, David and Teresa Holt, Karl and Twila Bollingberg, Don and Pat Larsen, Keith and Sandi

Larson, Sherman and Sharon Langehaug, Friends and Family, William Riley, Agnes Hoversten

In memory of Jean Taylor by Agnes Hoversten

### FURNACE FUND

In memory of Jean Taylor by Kathy McCue

In memory of Dorothy Westlund by Kathy McCue, Budd and Nona Wennersten

### AUTOMATED GIVING

Due to COVID-19 we are not able to make our gifts to the church in the pews. Have you ever thought about automated giving? You can set up a bank withdrawal through the church office using your checking account OR you set up an automated gift fully controlled by you when you make an account on our online giving platform. You can adjust the amount, set which day to make your gift and start and stop it at anytime. For more information go to [calvarygf.org](http://calvarygf.org) or call the church office.

### **FUNDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2020**

Youth	79,459.70
Honduras Mission	13,376.82
Foundation	679,381.75
Good Sam	3,739.40
Refugee	5,994.87
Campership	884.97
Music	5,022.87
Library	2,451.26
Undesignated Memorials	42,633.44
Landscaping	214.98
Contemporary Worship	0.00
Education	5,680.55
Fine Arts	1,951.28
Missions	28,009.42
Memory Café	5,798.47
Unforgettables Choir	4,809.38
Prayer Chain	12,590.50
LaGrave on First	2,664.71
Hymnal & Bible Fund	2,228.12
Coffee Shop	1,762.17
Columbarium	26,339.55
Stephen Ministry	933.75
Operation Technology	956.67
Organ/Piano	904.45
General Maintenance	2,752.96
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	521.91
Hearing Aid Loop	2,037.00
Furnace	60,313.56
Carpet	0.00
Building Expansion	288,698.28