

CALVARY CALLING

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September 2019

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!



This summer the building that is Calvary was quieter, but the congregation was busy and on the move! Calvary youth of all ages have been learning and growing in faith.

Between Bible camps and the youth service trip, our kids have been all over the state and country!



WHAT'S COMING NEXT?

Calvary will kick-off the fall schedule, and Sunday School will resume on September 8. Confirmation resumes on September 4, and Calvary's first Dinner Church will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Dive into these pages for more about what is happening this month!



WHAT IS DINNER CHURCH?

The simple explanation is that it's church, but over dinner. But like many simple ideas, it also holds a broader significance. God is abundant in love and the source of all goodness. We experience the truth of that promise when we physically experience the abundance of a good meal.

We will gather with heartfelt prayers and a centering song. We will sit down to eat family style with all generations and walks of life sharing the same sacred bread, a hearty meal, and meaningful conversation.

6:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL | SEPTEMBER 4



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God's work. Our hands.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KIRK



Jesus said “But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”
Luke 14:13, 14

I am confident of this: my summer was, with few exceptions, absolutely stunning. It wasn't perfect of course, but I caught glimpses of God's promises throughout this amazing season. I hope you also experienced God's presence in whatever circumstance you celebrated June through August.



Now comes September, which I will now designate as “Banqueting Month.” And by banquet, I mean something very specific. I mean taking Jesus at his word - that we've been gifted with some clear expectations for putting on a community get-together. Who but Jesus declares a feast for the people who need it most just to survive? How is God imagining Calvary's September roll-out to actually look like Jesus' banqueting command - to be so attentive and life-giving to the neediest among us that a spirit of resurrection is sensed?

Seriously, can Calvary reflect Jesus' call to bring life to people who sit in the shadow of death in September? To be food to the hungry and hope to the weary? Well, a number of Calvary's leaders have decided to take on that dreaded disease called “hardening of the categories.” By that I mean inviting all of us to get out of our own “silo” and reap the benefits of a new way of being “church.” Here are two clear examples:

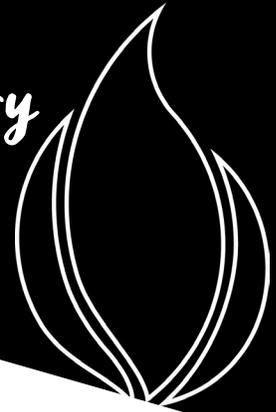
1. We will soon be undergoing a capital campaign to raise enough money to do the many things every congregational building demands. (The cost of doing business really.) For reasons I, and others, will soon make crystal clear, we will be combining our capital campaign with our stewardship drive that of course is concerned with next year's budget that directly reflects the mission God has given us (which is around \$900,000). See, two separate categories now related to each other in a new, surprising way. Who benefits from this? I hope and pray it's not just us, but the whole GF region and beyond.
2. Starting September 4, our Confirmation people and our Wednesday worshippers will sit down at a banquet together at 6:00 p.m. (over 200 people!) And not just a category-busting meal, but a banquet that is surrounded by worship – prayers, Bible readings, sermon, communion, offering! This dinner worship service will be held each and every first Wednesday of the month. Again, if this sounds like combining apples and oranges or perhaps an event you might want to check out, please pay attention! AND BRING A NEIGHBOR!

Pastor Kirk

Calvary CONNECTS

GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

September 3

CLCW is back! Join us the first Tuesday of the month in Holy Grounds for a pastor-led Bible study from the *Gather* magazine. We will be taking a monetary offering for school supplies.

SEWING CLUB

September 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

September 24 @ 9:30 a.m.

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!

BAPTISM CLASS

September 19 @ 5:30 p.m.

We welcome all to the baptismal font at Calvary, both young and old, both members and nonmembers. At Calvary, baptisms happen in worship, both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. In preparation for baptism, we ask that you attend one of our baptism orientation classes, held monthly at Calvary. If you are looking to get your baby baptized, you can attend the class any time before the baptism event, even before your baby is born!

JOIN THE CALVARY FAMILY -OFFICIALLY!

September 29 @ 11:45 a.m.

Membership reflects what the church is - one body knit together through our love, faith and desire to be a part of a community. If you or someone you know is interested in membership join us for our New Member Orientation & Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on September 29. Come and learn what church membership and Calvary is all about!

FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY

September 1

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

MORNING FOR MOMS

Begins Thursday, Sept. 5 @ 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. as we revive 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. Can't wait to see you there!

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

September 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!

BAZAAR BEE

September 23 @ 9:00 a.m.

The Spring 2020 Bazaar is in the works! Sewers, crafters, bakers start thinking about projects you could donate to the Spring Bazaar. Be watching for "Bazaar Bees" - blocks of time where we can work on bazaar projects. All are welcome. Questions? Contact the church office.

FAITH IN FILM

October 4 @ 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 discuss how God speaks to us through the story, characters and dialogue in the movie! Contact Aaron Bye in the church office to find out what movie we will watch.

CARING MINISTRIES

Finding God in each other!

WIDOW/WIDOWER SUPPORT GROUP

September 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

To help with grief and to help make changes and adjustment in your life. Sessions begin Monday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. for eight weeks in the Calvary narthex. This group is spiritually centered and interdenominational and is led clergy and lay leaders. This group is free and open to all people and ages who have experienced the death of a spouse.

MEMORY CAFE

September 10 @ 1:00 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary for the Memory Cafe. The Memory Cafe is an educational event held monthly for people living with Dementia/Alzheimer's disease/related types of Dementia and their family, friends, care partners, or anyone interested in learning about Alzheimer's disease and other types of Dementia. Our topic will be "The Basics of Dementia" and refreshments will be served following the program. All are welcome to attend this free event.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministry team is in need of a few Stephen leaders. Members of Calvary interested in a high impact volunteer ministry will find Stephen Ministry very rewarding. Training will be provided by Calvary. Talk to Mary Ann at 701-772-4897, or email at maryann.devig@calvarygf.org to learn the details.

UNFORGETTABLES

September 18 @ 10:00 a.m.

The Unforgettables will begin rehearsing on September 18 from 10:00-11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary. Mary Ann Devig will be directing the choir this year as they begin their fourth semester. The choir is for persons living with Alzheimer's disease or a related Dementia and their care partners. We will be expanding the choir this year to include those living with chronic conditions such as Parkinson's, Arthritis, COPD, Asthma, Cancer, Diabetes, Heart Disease, etc. All that is needed is a love for singing.

We also need volunteers to sing and perform some administrative work. Please call Mary Ann to register for the choir or to volunteer at 701-772-4897.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

We would like to welcome the members of Calvary in our prayer mission, informing them of this volunteer group of Calvary members, who actively pray for known prayer concerns. This has been accomplished through messages and concerns received by volunteers and dissemination through the church office. We are aware that we may be missing many members' prayer concerns, so are offering this awareness and the opportunity to be involved.

Using the word of God as guidance, as found in Matthew 7:7 "ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." We are actively looking to create a greater awareness of God in our daily lives through prayer.

We are looking to facilitate this effort through better identification of prayer concerns: 1) cards to write concerns on, 2) designated area to deposit concerns, i.e. prayer wall or box, 3) follow-up report – possibly in church newsletter, and perhaps a designated prayer room or area. Please know the Calvary family of God is there for all who need or ask for prayer. If you are interested in joining this group, please call or text Char Holy (701-740-9452) or Lisa Thompson (218-230-0751), as they share the leadership of this group. We are looking for anyone who would be interested in joining our prayer ministry.



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Highlights of the
CHURCH COUNCIL
August 2019



Treasurer's Report - Overview

July income was 14% higher than the prior year. Although there were five Sundays in the prior year and four in the current year, a yearly gift was given in July 2019 which made the difference in the monthly receipts.

July was a month of opportunities for the youth! Twenty-two preschool through second graders attended Red Willow Bible Camp. Calvary sent 34 youth to Hartford, Connecticut, to be the hands and feet of Calvary. Noisy offering in July was collected for St. Joseph's Food Cupboard in the amount of \$641. Year-to-date income through July was \$4,700 lower than the prior year and \$5,800 lower than the five-year average. Expenses through July were \$24,000 lower than the prior year and \$2,800 higher than the five-year average. While neither income nor expenses are at the level that members would like to see, there are still five months until year end. We as Calvary can make the change if we all continue to work together!

Council Business

The first dinner church will take place on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:00 p.m. The church council will be serving this first dinner. We are hoping people of all ages will participate in this. If you would like to help serve in the upcoming months please contact Morgan Olson or Cris Johnson. Ten of our twelve furnaces need to be replaced soon and bids will be going out for this. Carpeting for the narthex and hallways need to be replaced and bids are going out for this also. An engineer is working on a plan for the new parking lot. Several of the office computers need to be replaced in the near future. The stewardship team and capital campaign team are working together.

Officers and Ministry Teams

A youth ministry board consisting of eight members ranging in ages from 14 to 70 has been formed. Backpack blessing and a family picnic will take place on August 25. Sunday school resumes on September 8 and Wednesday School on September 11.

COMING THIS FALL

Capital Campaign Update



In the fall, Calvary Lutheran Church plans to launch a capital campaign that will focus on three major need areas our church must address.

Ministry: Annual Operations & Stewardship Support

Mortgage: Reduction of Church Mortgage Debt

Maintenance: Church Building Maintenance Needs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING OUR MORTGAGE:

1. What is the current financial status of our mortgage?

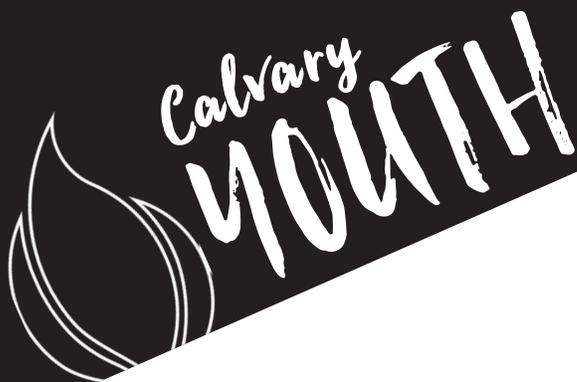
As of July 17, 2019, our mortgage balance is \$983,060.28. Calvary is making steady progress towards paying down the mortgage, but not at a rate that would allow the debt to be at zero prior to September 2022, when the interest rate on the loan will increase.

2. What is the backstory of the mortgage?

Between September 2012 to December 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 by 2015 we were able to worship in the space and new classrooms within the basement. In September 2017, Calvary refinanced the mortgage to include a five-year maturity amortized over 23 years with a fixed 3.875% interest rate. In other words, our interest rate will remain fixed for five years from the date of the refinance. In September 2022, our interest rate on our mortgage will be adjusted, most likely a higher rate on the balance. Calvary is making steady progress towards paying down the mortgage, but not at a rate that would allow the debt to be at zero prior to September 2022 when the rate will change. If we as Calvary can work together to move toward a zero balance prior to the rate change a lower level of interest will be paid out and a much higher level of our gifts will be able to be allocated to the principal of the mortgage.

3. How is a Capital campaign going to help?

Since we know the mortgage rate will be increasing soon, we would like to be fiscally responsible in paying down the mortgage now. By doing this, we can reduce the financial burden of our congregation and allow for future funds to be allocated toward other necessities and ministry opportunities.



A NOTE FROM OUR NEW YOUTH COORDINATOR

Please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by for more information about youth programming or with any questions, comments, or suggestions. I can be reached by phone (701.772.4897) or email (morgan.olson@calvarygf.org).

CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Confirmation for all 6-9th Grades begins on Wednesday, September 4. Students and parents will meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Families are strongly encouraged to attend our first dinner church worship at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall prior to confirmation!

If you have not registered for confirmation yet, please stop in the church office to complete a registration form or complete a registration online at calvarygf.org

SPARK!

SPARK is a time for students in grades 6-8 to come together in community centered around inclusion, faith, and fun. We meet weekly from 8:00-8:30 p.m. starting on September 11 and enjoy snacks, games, and fellowship.

TENTH

GRADERS & PARENTS:

It is time to start thinking about choosing your mentor for this year! Your mentor should be an adult (college age or older) who you feel comfortable with talking about your faith. We strongly encourage this person be a Calvary or other ELCA church member.

We are asking that you register for your mentor year. Please register and pay the \$20 fee online at calvarygf.org. A meeting for students and parents will be held on October 6 at 7:00 p.m. where you will receive more information about your mentor year and what it entails. Any questions, or for more information, please contact Morgan.

ELEVENTH

11TH GRADERS & PARENTS:

We will meet on Wednesday, September 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the next few weeks as your Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) day nears.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 9/4: Confirmation begins (parent night)
- 9/11: SPARK! Begins
- 9/20-23: Middle School Castaway Retreat
- 9/25: 11th Grader/Parent Confirmation Mtg.
- 9/27-29: High School Castaway Retreat



WELCOME

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ORIENTATION

Thursday, September 5 | 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We are so excited to welcome you as teachers and leaders for the 2019-2020 school year. This will be a time to meet each other, gather materials and get prepared for our young people. Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday, September 8

Welcome to Sunday School! Classes will begin at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and run for a half hour today so you can meet your teacher and also enjoy the Kick-Off festivities.

KICK OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8

Join us as we kick off an exciting year at Calvary Lutheran Church. Festivities include yard games, bouncy houses, barrel train rides, photo booth, tailgating potluck and Minnesota Vikings Football on the big screen. The fun is for all ages, we hope to see you there! Games and activities will run from 9:45 to 10:20 a.m. and from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Potluck will begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Wednesday, September 11

Welcome to Wednesday School! Classes will begin at 6:15 p.m. We can't wait to welcome you this year! Come meet your teacher and enjoy yard games and treats!

REGISTER TODAY!

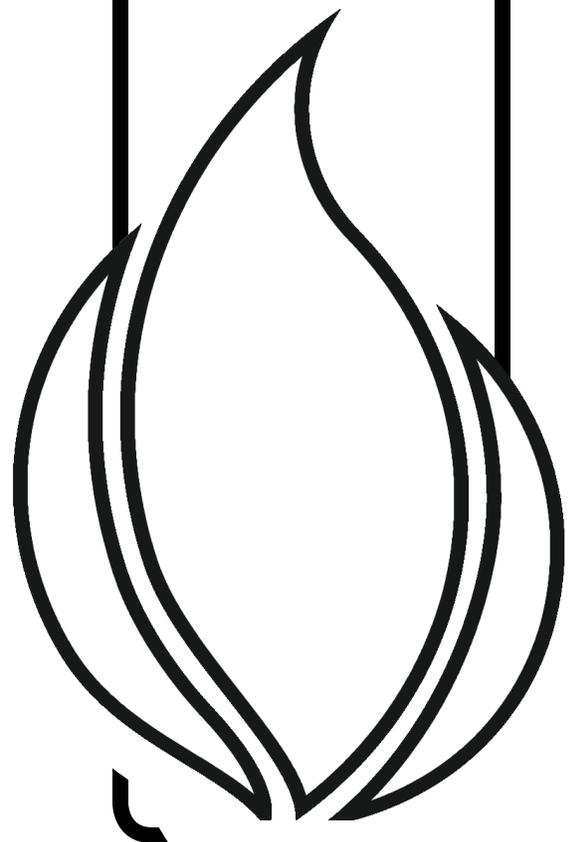
Have you been thinking about signing your child up for education opportunities at Calvary?

There is still time! Stop in the office and fill out a form or register on the website today.

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

Would you like to be an active participant in your child's faith? Consider volunteering to be a group leader!

Questions? Contact Nichole Bye through the church office!



SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Food Drive Sunday 8:00 am Coffeehouse Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	Office Closed- Labor Day	7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 1:00 pm Church Women	10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 2:00 pm Maple View Worship 6:00 pm Dinner Church 7:00 pm Confirmation Orientation 8:00 pm 2020 Youth Trip Meeting	9:00 am Morning for Moms 1:30 pm Sewing Club 7:00 pm Teacher Orientation		
KICK OFF SUNDAY Fall Schedule Resumes 9:00 am Traditional Worship 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 11:15 am Potluck Lunch	6:00 pm Bell Choir	7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 1:00 pm Memory Cafe	10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 6:00 pm Worship & Wednesday School 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Confirmation 8:00 pm Spark	9:00 am Morning for Moms 7:00 pm Bunco		9:00 am Pre-marriage Class
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OUR RECORD OF PARTICIPATION

OFFERINGS

7/21/19	7,243.65
7/28/19	10,940.23
8/4/19	14,846.76
8/11/19	20,426.45

Proposed 2019 Budget -- \$1,059,264

Offering received through 8/15/19 -- \$504,222

Expenses through 8/15/19 -- \$593,143

BALANCE OF BUILDING EXPANSION LOAN \$980,508.62

Baptisms:

- June 23 - Ellery Sue Satrom child of Grant and Briana Satrom
- June 23 - Piper James Satrom child of Daniel and Bethany Satrom
- June 23 - Hayden James Weber child of James and Debbie Weber
- June 23 - Emma Dean Sepulveda child of Jonathan and Jenna Sepulveda
- June 30 - Ryan Douglas Strand child of Mark and Nichole Strand
- July 14 - Watson John Rumen child of Robert and Kelsey Rumen
- July 21 - Harper Jean Marshall child of Andrew and Lindsey Marshall
- July 21 - Henry Robert Jaeche child of Grant and Leah Jaeche
- July 21 - Korbyn Richard Bergeron child of Jeremey and Alicia Bergeron
- July 28 - Rhett Owen Holt child of Connor and Janelle Holt
- July 28 - Gianna Kay Ibrahim child of Sherif and Christina Ibrahim

Weddings:

- June 15- Emily Slominski and Caleb Horgen
- June 22- Lindsay Schaefer and Casey Fugleberg
- June 29- Paige Telling and Hans Musgrave
- July 13- Cassie Thompson and Josh Rothe
- July 27- Elizabeth Syverson and Chris Loeffler
- August 3- Jenna Doyle and Nathan Wasvick

Our Prayers & Christian Sympathy To:

- Harold Bale whose wife, Bev, died July 23.
- Susan James whose mother, Phyllis Rovelstad, died July 26.
- Brenda McCoy whose brother, Roger Smaaladen, died July 22.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

In memory of Ida Bakke by Candas Regan, Larry and Ramona Halverson, Cornel and Joani Kilber, Michael Berg, Chris and Michelle Garske, Irene Goebel

MEMORY CAFÉ

In memory of Edward Lloyd by William and Carol Richmond, Michael Voglewede, Perkins Honey Farm, Sylvia Cochran, Gregg Halverson, Marjorie Gillespie, Richard and Yvonne Mandt, Janice Anderson, Roger and Susan King, Marlys Kunz, Susan Lloyd,

Lester and Judith Wheeler, Teri Kunz, Robert and Paulette Deutsch, Ted and Elizabeth Sandberg, Judy and Paul Korsmo, Carol Luecke, Gilman and Betty Beck, Rodney and Gladyce Peterson, Gerald and Joann Uglem, Jon and Deb Robinett
 In memory of Dale Cariveau by Rodney and Gladyce Peterson
 In memory of Harold Holte by Arden and Irene Shores

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Clarence Thompson by Paul and Mary Boelkins, Lynn and Douglas Weaver
 In memory of Dick Jackson, Dick Ramsay, Harold Holte and Ida Bakke by Lloyd and Beulah Staveteig
 In memory of Ida Bakke by Roy and Kathy Sullivan-Orton
 In memory of Janelle Eken by Thomas and Kimberly Cariveau, Robert and Janis Leach, Kathleen and Richard McWaters
 In memory of Jim Barnes by Ruth Barnes
 In memory of LeRoy Kurtyka by Chad and Anna Larson

Look for more memorials in October

FUNDS AS OF AUGUST 2019

Youth	77,697.50
Honduras Mission	18,546.88
Family Mission	497.22
Good Sam	5,434.23
Altar Guild	3,040.78
Refugee	5,994.87
Pastor's Cont Ed	3,727.13
Campership	2,972.12
Music	3,747.04
Library	2,401.26
Lutheran College	0.00
Undesignated Memorials	42,633.44
Landscaping	796.29
Contemporary Worship	1,985.55
Education	10,286.68
Fine Arts	1,876.28
Program Development	97.18
Missions	38,311.56
Unforgettables Choir	3,490.05
Prayer Chain	10,491.92
Hymnal & Bible Fund	1,722.38
Adoption Awareness	1,723.85
Coffee Shop	645.24
Columbarium	20,298.56
Support Services	28,502.58
Stephen Ministry	933.75
Operation Technology	6,785.23
Organ/Piano	1,210.89
General Maintenance	2,442.96
Seminary	2,615.95
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	431.91
Building Expansion	124,359.61
Hearing Aid Loop	2,037.00
Furnace	200.00