

June & July 2026

# CALVARY CALLING

News that serves and ignites people for Christ



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday, June 7

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

### Sunday, June 14

#### Called to See

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

### Sunday, June 21, Father's Day

#### Called to Courage

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

### Sunday, June 28

#### Called to Faithfulness

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

### Sunday, July 5

No Worship Service

\*Sermon & Prayers Posted Online

### Sunday, July 12

#### Changed at the Root

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

### Sunday, July 19

#### Changed in the Waiting

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

### Sunday, July 26, Christmas in July

#### Changed in Hidden Ways

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Summer is a season of travel, cabins, lakes, ballgames, road trips, family gatherings, and changing routines. Yet wherever life takes us, Jesus continues to meet us along the way.

Join us this summer for our worship series in person or online. Wherever you go this summer... Jesus is already there, calling, shaping, and sending you. Following Jesus isn't just something we do in one place; it's a way of living wherever life takes us.

Throughout the summer, all worship services will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we gather around themes of discipleship, growth, rest, service, and the presence of Christ in everyday life.

July 5 — *Changed by Rest*  
(Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)

In honor of Sabbath rest for our staff, summer musicians, and worship leaders, there will be no in-person worship on July 5. A message and prayers will be shared online at 10:00 a.m.

Whether you are here every week or joining us between summer adventures, we invite you to come as you are and journey with us this summer as we follow where Christ leads.



# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RACHAEL

Since arriving at Calvary last October 15th, I pause on the 15th of each month to reflect on the ministry and mission we share. I give thanks for the people, conversations, and acts of service that fill the life of this congregation. I think about all the people who pass through these doors each week, the hands that quilt, teach, sing, visit, pray, lead, serve, and quietly support the ministry of this place. Again and again, I find myself grateful to God for calling me to serve alongside you in this season of Calvary's life.

During our Annual Meeting in February, we reflected on Paul's image of the church as the Body of Christ. It is a beautiful image, but it is also a challenging one. Paul reminds us that the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you" and the hand cannot say to the foot, "You do not belong." We are bound together not because we always agree, see things the same way, or move through change with the same feelings. We are bound together because Christ has called us by the same Spirit into one body and one people. Our unity is not found in sameness, but in our shared belonging to Christ.

When I think about that image, I remember lessons learned in youth ministry. Whether preparing for a trip or living together on a bus for 10-14 days while traveling across the country, young people quickly learned that community takes work. Over time, they discovered that being part of a community means caring for one another, making room for one another, and remembering that everyone's gifts matter. The church is not all that different.

Over the past couple of weeks, events in our congregation's life have brought these realities to the forefront. The introduction of new screen technology in the sanctuary prompted conversations about worship, space, and change. More recently, the council received the resignation of our choir director, bringing disappointment and grief for many who have been touched by that ministry. Some members have been directly involved in these conversations, while others may be hearing about them for the first time.

In the coming days, the council will communicate further with the congregation through a mailed letter regarding the sanctuary screens. The council will also continue to prayerfully discern next steps following the resignation of the choir director and will communicate them as they unfold.

While these situations are different, both invite us to remember that being the church is not simply about programs, buildings, worship styles, committees, or even cherished traditions. At its heart, being the church is about how we live together as the Body of Christ. That means listening before assuming. Seeking understanding before judgment. Extending grace when tensions arise. Remaining in relationship even when we disagree. It means trusting that the Holy Spirit is still at work among us, guiding, comforting, and leading us forward.

Paul wrote many of his letters to congregations, navigating disagreements and growing pains. Yet he continually called them back to the same center: Christ, reminding them that their shared life together was rooted in the love of God revealed in Jesus.

As we move into the summer months, my prayer is that we would continue to care for one another well, remain curious about one another's experiences, and seek the unity that Christ desires for the church. Not a unity built on uniformity, but one rooted in our shared belonging to Christ. In that shared life, may the Holy Spirit continue to bear fruit among us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to be the Body of Christ for one another and for our community. I remain grateful to be among you and look forward to the ministry we will continue to share in the days ahead.

God's peace, Pastor Rachael

### MEN'S MINISTRY

**June 4 & July 7**

This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. here at Calvary in the library. This is an opportunity to get to know other men in the congregation. We hope to see you there!

### READING RELIGIOUSLY

**June 15 @ 6 p.m. | Blue Moose**

Love to read? Looking for great conversation and new perspectives? Our Reading Religiously Book Club is the perfect place to dive into engaging stories, share ideas, and connect with fellow book lovers. Whether you're a lifelong reader or just getting started, all are welcome. Grab a copy of *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston and meet us at the Blue Moose.

\*The July book choice will be made at the end of June's gathering. Keep an eye out on our socials, email, and announcements for July's book choice.

### ALL-AGES BOOK CLUB

**June 25 @ 4:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall**

Our All-Ages Book Club is a welcoming space for readers of every generation to share stories, spark conversation, and build community. Each month we explore a new title that's fun, thought-provoking, and perfect for discussion followed by a hands-on activity inspired by the book's theme. All are welcome! Come connect through books. **This month we will be reading *Sort of Super The Magma Cup* by Eric Gapstur.**

\*Note the meeting time and day of the week change.

\*The July book choice will be made at the end of June's gathering. Keep an eye out on our socials, email, and announcements for July's book choice.

### CALVARY CLASSICS

The Calvary Classics will be taking a summer break for June and July. We will reconvene in August so watch for further details.

### STITCH & CHAT GROUP

**June 4 & 18 @ 1:30 p.m.**

**July 2 & 16 @ 1:30 p.m.**

Meets the first and third Thursday of each month in the library. This is open to all women who want to bring their "handiwork" for an afternoon of fellowship and crafting.

### CALVARY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

**June 17 @ 9:00 a.m. in Holy Grounds**

**July 22 @ 9:00 a.m. in Holy Grounds**

All are welcome. We will be using the *Gather Magazine Bible Study*. Or, you can pick up copies of the Bible Study from the church office.

### PRISCILLA-SARAH CIRCLE

Priscilla Sarah Circle will be joining the Calvary Women Bible study for June and July. Bible studies will be held June 17 at 9 a.m. and July 22 at 9 a.m. in Holy Grounds. The studies will be based on the *Gather Magazine*.

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT ASSEMBLING AND POTLUCK

**June 30 in the Fellowship Hall**

**July 28 in the Fellowship Hall**

We would like to encourage you to join us on the last Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to help assemble the quilts. We also have a potluck lunch at noon. You can come for an hour or two or the whole day, that is up to you. We hope you can join us.

### CARE & CONCERN MINISTRY

If you are admitted to a hospital, transitional care facility, or residential living facility and would like a visit, please contact the church office at 701-772-4897. If you are homebound, undergoing medical treatments, or would appreciate a care visit or communion, you are also welcome to contact the office.

Due to HIPAA privacy regulations, hospitals are unable to notify us when a Calvary member is admitted. We rely on members, family, and friends to help keep us informed so that we can offer care and support.

# Highlights of May 2026 Church Council

## **Worship & Congregational Life**

Planning continues for the summer worship season and the launch of the summer theme. There will be one worship service each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary throughout the summer months. Looking to host the polka worship band on a Wednesday night in August. Council also moved to no in-person worship on Sunday, July 5, allowing staff and musicians a Sabbath opportunity over the holiday weekend. A Gospel reflection and prayers will be posted online at 10 a.m. that morning. The church office will be closed Monday, July 6.

## **Faith Formation & Youth**

Sunday and Wednesday School wrapped up another successful year, while preparations continue for Vacation Bible School, June 8–11. Volunteers are welcome to assist with decorating, meals, setup, and cleanup. A community “Donut Day” drive-thru event is also planned for May 28. The Youth Ministry Visioning Team shared its recommendations to the council. Beginning this fall, confirmation will move toward a hybrid model featuring core learning for 6th–8th graders in the fall, elective opportunities in the spring, and year-round enrichment experiences. A mentor year for 9th graders will return, with the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) taking place in the fall of 10th grade. Council also approved moving toward a staffing structure in which Nichole would oversee both Education and Youth Ministries, supported by expanded part-time ministry roles focused on middle and high school ministry.

## **Pastoral Care & Leadership**

Mary Ann officially began serving as Care & Concern Minister, yet is currently away recovering from knee surgery through the end of May. This role continues to strengthen pastoral visitation, presence, and congregational care during this season without an Associate Pastor. Council also approved the Associate Pastor Call Committee: Paul Johnson, Kate Dusenbury, Carrie Sapa, Carma Hanson, Shaina Hess, Brian Harris, and Jack Sandberg. Pastor Rachael continues to partner with Marcus on church communications, social media coordination, website reviews and updates, and communication updates throughout the building.

## **Stewardship & Financial Oversight**

April reflected a small loss due in part to utilities and snow removal costs, though year-to-date giving remains stronger than last year. Finance also shared positive forecasting trends, anticipating the congregation will finish the year with giving exceeding expenses. Lower expenses connected to operating with one pastor and revised youth staffing are contributing to this positive outlook. Council celebrates the continued generosity of the congregation and special gifts that have brought the church extremely close to fully paying off the mortgage in the coming months. Stewardship efforts continue to focus on storytelling, generosity, and mission throughout congregational life.

## **Facilities & Technology Planning**

Several building and technology updates continue moving forward. A roof leak repair was completed quickly and affordably. Bids are being gathered for the replacement of the aging refrigerator. Updated sanctuary screen technology continues with informational forums planned for the congregation. A church member is also donating funds for automated shades on the west side of the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers will begin helping care for bulletin boards throughout the church building, while additional work continues around lighting upgrades, signage updates, managed IT support through ABM, and long-term planning for snow removal and insurance needs.

## **Mission & Community Engagement**

Outreach ministries continue making a meaningful impact in the community. The Lewis & Clark Book Fair provided books for students and teachers, while the Backpack Ministry wrapped up another successful year and will resume again this fall.

## **Organizational Leadership & Planning**

Council received updates on Synod Assembly representatives, ongoing transitions in the church's technology infrastructure, and managed IT support with ABM.

**Next Council Meeting: June 24 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
*(Full council minutes upon request.)*

# Stewardship Corner

## 2026 Mission Plan

<b>2026 Proposed Mission Plan</b>	<b>1,014,205.00</b>
Offering through 5/18/26	335,691.83
Expenses through 5/18/26	355,939.71
<b>Balance of Building Expansion Loan</b> as of 5/31/26	<b>PAID OFF</b>

## Memorials

### GENERAL FUND

In memory of John Knudson by Steven and Sue Ellen Olson, Dale and Jaci Staiger, Ronald Apanian, Dean and Lynn Freeman, Charles and Colleen Zick, Catherine Manske, Roberta Zick, Raymond and Lucretia Grudem, Edward and Eloise Forde, Nancy Anderson, Annette Palmgren

In memory of Paul Saurdiff by Kelly and Pamela Foerster, Ronica Lillihaugen, Nancy Grove, Randy Nehring, Joseph Bryan & Rebecca Knudson-Bryan, Christopher and Kelly Eriksson

In memory of Susan Vivatson by James and Renee Lies, Randy and Rachael Puttbrese

### GOOD SAM FUND

In memory of Randy Eken by Rod and Vickie Howell

In memory of Cliff Thompson by Calvary Lutheran Church Women

### HONDURAS LUNCH PROGRAM

In memory of Marilyn Baumann by Phil and Shelly Amundson

### LEWIS & CLARK BOOK FAIR

In memory of John Knudson by John and Joann Muus

### UNFORGETTABLES' CHOIR

In memory of John Knudson by Lois Gillespie

### A Reason to Give Thanks

This month, we celebrate a remarkable moment in the life of Calvary and give thanks to God for the generosity of faithful people. Through gifts of stock and an anonymous donation, the remaining balance of our church mortgage has been paid in full.

For many years, members of this congregation faithfully contributed toward the mortgage. We give thanks for every gift that helped make this day possible.

With the mortgage retired, the budgeted \$4,000 monthly payment ending, there is now discernment and conversation about future ministry opportunities. This gift opens the door to new hopes and possibilities as we continue Calvary's mission and ministry within the walls of our church, in the community, and in the world.

This fall, we look forward to celebrating this milestone together as a congregation and formally giving thanks for the retirement of this debt. Until then, we pause to offer our gratitude to the generous hearts whose gifts made this milestone possible.

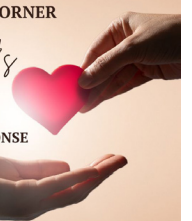
Moments like this invite us to reflect on our own stewardship journeys. Not everyone is able to make a large gift, but every act of generosity matters. Whether it is a few dollars, a substantial gift, or something in between, each offering is received with gratitude and gathered together for the work of Christ's mission and ministry among us. Together, the gifts of God's people make ministry possible.

If you would like more information about automatic/electronic giving, stock transfers, or Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), please contact Heather. If you currently make designated mortgage contributions, Heather will be in touch to discuss how those gifts might continue supporting Calvary's mission and ministry in new ways.

*"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received"*  
(1 Peter 4:10).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Where God's  
Call  
MEETS OUR RESPONSE*



## Prayers & Sympathies

John E. Knudson, Jr. died 2-22-26. His wife is Jackie Knudson. Children are Sue, John, Julie, Scott and Becky.

Deb Meseck's brother, Mike Klegstad, died 3-9-26.

Joyce Medalen's sister, Betty Boardman, died 3-10-26.

Rachel Nelson's uncle, Robert Dohman, Jr., died 3-12-26.

Paul Saurdiff died 3-17-26. His wife is Julie Saurdiff.

Grant Wosick's father, David Wosick, died 3-21-26.

Scott Kiel's father, Marvin Kiel, died 3-23-26.

Bonnie Aamot's mother-in-law, Darlyne Aamot, died 4-6-26.

Cliff Thompson died 4-15-26. His wife is Trudy Thompson.

Darlene Holien's son-in-law, Mike Morgan, died 4-16-26.

Robby Zick's sister, Susan Vivatson, died 4-27-26.

Betty Gregoire's sister-in-law, Jill Devos, died 4-29-26.

Becky Blessum's sister, Suzette Bieri, died 5-2-26.

Ken Schultz died 5-8-26. His wife is Pat Schultz.

Barb Nordstog's mother, Helen Hanisch, died 5-9-26.

## Calvary Choir Update

On May 23, Calvary Council received a letter of resignation from Whitney Berry as Calvary Choir Director. We give thanks for Whitney's eleven years of service to Calvary's choir and wish her well. We invite prayers for this time of transition and the uncertainty that comes with change. We invite your prayers for Whitney and the Calvary choir.

The council will discuss next steps at its June meeting. Following that meeting, representative(s) from the council, along with Pastor Rachael, will reach out to the choir, inviting choir members into the conversations as we begin to discern the process for calling a new choir director.

If you have questions, please contact Council President Tony Schroeder, [anthony.schroeder119@yahoo.com](mailto:anthony.schroeder119@yahoo.com), or Pastor Rachael, [revrach@calvarygf.org](mailto:revrach@calvarygf.org)



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS & BABY KITS

The Lutheran World Relief truck was in Grand Forks on May 21 and 22. Calvary volunteers contribution this spring was: 34 quilts and 48 baby care kits. You are invited to help these volunteers continue making LWR Baby Care Kits by donating needed supplies. \*All items should be new or gently used and clean (no stains or tears).

### **Needed Items:**

6-month to 24-month T-shirts or onesies  
Receiving blankets (32 inches to 52 inches)  
Jacket, sweaters, or sweatshirt (with or without hood)  
Baby caps and socks  
Dark color hand towels  
Diaper pins or large safety pins  
Used T-shirts for diapers (adult size larger or bigger)  
You can drop any of these items off in the church office.



# The Unforgettables Choir Concert

The Unforgettables Choir presented their spring concert on May 6 to a very appreciative audience of 225 people. The choir has 53 members and enjoyed a wonderful day of music, friends, family and food. The luncheon was served by a team of volunteers who replicated the old Calvary Spring Luncheon. Thank you to the many volunteers who brought lemon desserts, cooked, served and cleaned up following the concert. We couldn't do it without you and you made our day extra special. Thank you! Mary Ann Devig, Director of Unforgettables Choir.



## Love Feast

The Love Feast is a simple but powerful community meal hosted on the last Tuesday of each month from 5:30–6:30 p.m. at Zion United Methodist Church in Grand Forks. Open to everyone and completely free of charge, the meal brings people together around good food, conversation, and hospitality.

About eleven local churches take turns preparing and serving the meal throughout the year. On Tuesday, July 28, it will be Calvary's turn to serve.

The Calvary Classics crew is planning and preparing the meal and would welcome your partnership. Volunteers are needed to help serve, greet guests, offer hospitality, and assist with cleanup. Whether you can help for part of the evening or the entire time, your presence helps create a welcoming experience for our neighbors.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Nancy Andrews at nka5279@gmail.com or leave your name with the church office.

Join us as we share not only a meal, but also the love and hospitality of Christ with our community.

## Calvary Lutheran Church

Calvary Lutheran Church was established in 1953 after the announcement of the establishment was made by Reverend L.E. Tallakson of Fargo, president of the North Dakota District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

### Location

1405 South 9th Street  
Grand Forks, ND 58201

### Contact

701-772-4897  
place4u@calvarygf.org

### Summer Worship Schedule

#### Sundays

**May, 24 Through Labor Day**

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary,  
Blended Worship

#### Wednesdays

Resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 16

Services are streamed online on Facebook and our website.

[calvarygf.org](http://calvarygf.org)

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A CHANCE TO SERVE



LOVE FEAST 2026



## A Lewis & Clark Partnership

THANK YOU! Those words don't seem adequate as we look at our relationship with Lewis and Clark and all that we have meant for each other as we conclude this school year.

Jesus has called us to love our neighbor and the Calvary community has answered this call and continues to embrace the Lewis and Clark students and staff. We are so thankful for all of our faithful volunteers who have made this partnership work. We are also thankful for the Lewis and Clark faculty, staff and students who so graciously welcome us into their school.

We thank the generosity of the Calvary community for the donations that occur throughout the year. Thanks for the noisy offerings, angel tree gifts, backpack food and sponsorships, and school supplies. Many thanks to the Lewis and Clark teachers Hagadorn, Fick, Muus and Eriksmoen who welcomed Calvary volunteers into their rooms each week to read to their students. It is one of the many ways Lewis and Clark has blessed the Calvary community.

And, of course, we can't forget the backpack program. We thank each and every volunteer who showed up each month and helped fill bags. A special thank you goes out to Jordan Thomas and Kate Dusenbury who assisted us by picking up the pallets of food each month.

We are also thankful and fortunate to be awarded funds by the Calvary Foundation to purchase food this year. An ELCA World Hunger grant was also secured for our program.

Calvary is ready for this partnership to continue in the 2026-2027 school year. We have accomplished so much this year and as we go forward, we remember the blessing we are to each other as neighbors.



# Float into SUMMER

BOOK FAIR & FLOATS

On May 18, 2026, the fourth annual Float into Summer Book Fair was held at Lewis and Clark School and was a tremendous success. Thanks to the generosity of the Calvary community, a wide selection of great books was available this year. Each child was able to choose four books to read over the summer. Over 750 books were given away at this year's fair. Each teacher was able to pick four books for their classrooms as well.



The students were excited to pick their books and share with each other what they had chosen. Their enthusiasm was contagious. Root beer floats were given to all as they went back to their classrooms in preparation to "Float into summer."



Heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who donated books, resources to buy books, time, effort, wisdom, muscle and prayers. This event was successful because it had the faithful Calvary community behind it. Special thanks go out to Joani Kilber who again this year spent many hours identifying books that the kids love, building our registries, and sorting books for our fair.





# Youth and CONFIRMATION

## Calvary Goes to Camp

We care deeply about offering camp experiences to kids and throughout the year to raise money to support our camperships and ensure that cost does not prevent any student from participating.

To inquire about camperships, please contact Nichole Bye through the church office.

## Camp Sign-Up

Bible Camp is a wonderful opportunity for young people to deepen their faith and enjoy time outdoors in God's creation! Summer camps ask that you register yourself for camp. When registering, please make sure to list Calvary as your congregation. Here are some great summer camp locations to check out

Metigoshe Ministries  
[metigosheministries.com](http://metigosheministries.com)

Park River Bible Camp  
<https://www.parkriverbiblecamp.org/>

Red Willow  
<https://www.redwillowministries.com/about>

## Transportation to Camp

Looking for some transportation to camp Metigoshe this summer? You can sign up to ride the bus to camp. The bus is free and will depart and drop off in the Calvary parking lot.

To sign up, please use the QR code found below. For some of our younger friends who don't stay the whole week, Calvary will help coordinate rides back and forth to help fill in the gaps of the bus schedule. Contact Nichole Bye at [nichole.bye@calvargf.org](mailto:nichole.bye@calvargf.org) to schedule.

**HOW TO SIGN-UP?**  
When registering your child for camp you will have an option to sign your child up for the camp bus. This year the camp bus is FREE and we will be picking up in the Calvary parking lot!

Sign Up for Camp Here

## Exciting Confirmation Updates:

Beginning this fall, Confirmation will move to a hybrid model. Core learning for 6th-8th-grade students will take place together in the fall. In the spring, students will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of elective learning experiences and topics, creating mixed-grade learning opportunities. Year-round enrichment experiences will also be offered. A mentor year for 9th graders will return, with the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) taking place in the fall of 10th grade.

Information postcards have been mailed to families in each grade level. If you have questions or would like additional information, please reach out to Nichole @ [nichole.bye@calvargf.org](mailto:nichole.bye@calvargf.org)

**Confirmation**  
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**save the dates**

Rite of Confirmation Meeting/Stole Making * 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Up	September 2
Fall Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting * 6 <sup>th</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	September 9
Student/Parent Mentor Info Meeting * 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	September 16
Rite of Confirmation Worship	October 25 & 28

# Kids & Family



## Calvary VBS

Save the dates of June 8-11 for Vacation Bible School fun! We will dive into "Snowball Mountain Challenge" where we will find our strength in God. Ollie the arctic seal will guide us through an exciting winter sports event full of new challenges, friends and ways to learn that with God's help we can do more than we ever thought possible.



We are excited to welcome kids of all ages and their families to a week of VBS fun! We will gear up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith.

Join us **June 8-11**

**5:30 p.m.** meal with suggested donation of \$5

**6:00-7:30 p.m.** VBS activities  
**\$50** per family

Scan the QR code or check out our website to sign up today!



## VBS Decorating

With the exciting programming of vacation Bible School coming up, we are looking for some helping hands to transform our space into a winter wonderland. Open decorating times will be **June 1-3, 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Check Out  
Our Website!**

## Sensory VBS

Our Sensory-Friendly VBS is designed especially for children and their trusted adult who may feel overwhelmed by the pace, noise, or structure of our evening programming. This morning experience offers a calmer, more flexible environment where kids can explore VBS at their own comfort level.

During this session, children will be invited to engage with the same core activities, crafts, storytelling, and play but in a more open-ended format. Instead of rotating on a set schedule, participants can move freely between stations, take breaks as needed, and spend more time on the activities they enjoy most.

With a smaller group size, reduced sensory input, and a gentler pace, our Sensory-Friendly VBS creates a supportive space where every child can participate, connect, and have fun in a way that works best for them.

**Join us June 8-10**

**9:00-10:15 a.m.**

**\$20** per family

## Upcoming Dates

**June 1-3** Vacation Bible School decorating

**June 8-11** Snowball Challenge VBS

**July 26** Christmas in July worship and Fellowship

**August 2** Metigoshe bus leaves for camp at 1 p.m. at Calvary Parking Lot

**August 7** Metigoshe bus returns with campers at 7:30 p.m. at Calvary

## CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Youth & Ed. Assistant: Allie Penny  
Receptionist: Cathy Bubb  
Director of Faith in Action: Julie Pedersen  
Facilities Manager: Danny Navarro  
Care & Concern Minister: Mary Ann Devig



# PASTOR KIRK MEMORIAL GARDEN



Pastor Kirk's Memorial Garden has been planted. Special thanks to the caring hearts and hands of Diane Magnusson and Gina Sander. Everyone is invited over the summer to assist with weeding and to keep an eye out for the garden's needs. If you have any questions about the garden, please check in with Julie.



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