



Calvary Lutheran Newsletter

at the Crossroads of Grace & Service

February 2024



From the Crossroads ...

February 2nd is "Groundhog's Day" and February 14th is Ash Wednesday.

We will worship with Riverside and Hubbard United Methodist Church's. Worship will be at 4pm and 6pm with a Soup Supper at 4:45pm.

February 2nd is "Groundhog's Day" for those of you who watched the movie you know that February 2nd is repeated repeatedly.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Worship will be at 4pm and 6pm with a Soup Supper at 4:45pm.

I am certain that we will have 6 months ... I mean 6 **weeks** more of winter. Remember, February 2nd is Groundhog's Day!

Peace,

Pastor Steve

JR LEAGUE, SR LEAGUE, AND 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

(Jr League: Grades 6-8 / Sr League: Grades 9-12)

February 7th	Sr. League (6:00-8:00) 9 th Grade Confirmation (7:00-8:00)
February 14th	Jr. League (6:00-7:30)
February 21st	Sr. League (6:00-8:00)
February 28th	Jr. League 6:00-7:30)

YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING

Who: Everyone Interested in the 2024 Mission Trip
What: Mission Trip Information
Where: Fellowship Hall
When: Sunday, February 4th @ 11:30

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Check out the **HUGE** selection of Valentine Goodies for your Sweetheart!
 on
 Sunday, February 11th



Free will donations accepted.

LENTEN WORSHIP REPORTS

During the season of Lent, those enrolled within our Confirmation Program (grades 8-9) are required to complete Five worship reports and Grade 7 is required to complete Three. Worship reports can be completed during the following services;

Wednesday, February 14th	Wednesday, March 6th
Wednesday, February 21st	Wednesday, March 13th
Wednesday, February 28th	Wednesday, March 20th
Maundy Thursday, March 28th	

Lenten Worship Services are @ 4:00 & 6:00

Good Friday, March 29th @ 7 pm @ Riverside Methodist

If you have ANY questions, call Dana @ 218-732-7284

3RD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES & CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT

When: Sunday, February 25th
9:30 am – Parent & 3rd Grader meet in the Community Room
10:30 am – 3rd Grade Class will receive their Bible and blessing as they begin the Confirmation process.

~ Happy Birthday ~

Tristan Breitwieser	February 1	Alice Hawes	February 14	Lana Schmidt	February 21
Danielle Kondziolka	February 1	Cameron Hoyt	February 14	Joel Steffel	February 21
Mary Krabbenhoft	February 1	Christine Lilleodden	February 14	Steve Cunningham	February 22
Marilyn Klettenberg	February 1	Christian Kurtz	February 15	Dave Otterness	February 22
Reed Mykland	February 1	Tanya Miller	February 15	Norita Smith	February 22
Shirley Ripley	February 1	Liam Smith	February 15	Patty Stephens	February 22
Colton Carey	February 2	Rod Westrum	February 15	Marcy Jacobson	February 23
Nancy Hall	February 2	Bill Cowman	February 16	Robert Miller	February 23
Desarae Kohrs	February 2	Wendy Crandall	February 16	Heidi Pachel	February 23
Nichole Christofferson Weston	February 3	Warren Warmbold	February 16	John Vrieze	February 23
Eryn Simpson	February 3	Les Hansen	February 17	Warren Carpenter	February 24
Connor Smythe	February 4	Hazel Rasmussen	February 17	Linda Eickman	February 24
Wayne Gaustad	February 5	Jack Bateman	February 18	Clayton Hoyt	February 24
Alexander Boyd	February 6	Katrina Ellingson	February 18	Jack Hughes	February 24
Robert Grandy	February 7	Janet Graalum	February 18	Nick Michaelson	February 24
Wesley Splett	February 7	Gary Indrehus	February 18	Jan Schilling	February 24
Alyza Edevold	February 8	Morgan Koppelman	February 18	Bob Schinnert	February 24
Justin Peterson	February 8	Alex Pederson	February 18	Char Westrum	February 24
Grant Ertl	February 9	Shayla Rogness	February 18	Jessica Pritchett	February 25
Steven Osterman	February 9	Lindsay Bugge	February 19	Darien Simon	February 25
Logan Lewis (Norby)	February 10	Jennifer Gytri	February 19	Jon Smythe	February 25
Sherry Safratowich	February 10	Chelsea Johnson	February 19	Monica Foster	February 26
TJ Simon	February 10	Kelsey Kruger	February 19	Bob Hansen	February 26
Thomas Fogarty	February 11	Mary Nelson	February 19	Kendra Mikesh	February 26
Allan Kiecker	February 11	Dana Kocka	February 20	Mandy Runyan	February 26
Shirley Lingle	February 11	Marty Leistikow	February 21	Deb Maanum	February 27
Presley-Anne Partlow	February 11	Mark Behrens	February 21	Kolby Crabb	February 28
Olivia Peterson	February 12	Kay Dyre	February 21	Danika Jensen	February 28
Betty Kelly	February 13	Tony Olson	February 21	David Penning	February 28
Linda Van Bruggen	February 13			Amy Schmidt	February 29

~ Memorials & Honorariums ~

	<i>In Memory of... Carol Frisby</i>		<i>In Memory of... Ruth & Kermit Larson & Esther & Jim Henderson</i>
Nancy McDowell	Worship	Bonnie & Wayne Larson	Art & Decorating
Cynthia Sanders	Worship		
Mark & Barb Thomason	Worship		<i>In Memory of... Glenn Anderson</i>
Rebecca Thomason	Worship	Pam & Mark Evans	Calvary Endowment
	<i>In Memory of... Alice Forsberg</i>	Kathy & Harry Wenner	Building Fund & Pastors Disc.
Renee & Larry Bexell	Caring & Outreach	Bickey & Frank Bender	Calvary Endowment
Susie & Gary Indrehus	Calvary Gardens	Jone & Wayne Classon	Hard Hat Ministry
Mark & Barb Thomason	Caring & Outreach	Candy & John Bugge	General Fund Memorial
Sharon & Jerry Gorden	General Fund Memorial	Sharon & Jerry Gorden	General Fund Memorial
Char & Rd Westrum	Calvary Garden	Elaine Landrigan	Hard Hat Ministry
	<i>In Memory of... Cecil Cordahl</i>	Jan & Cal Kehr	Calvary Gardens
Jan & Cal Kehr	General Fund Memorial	Jackie Cheney	Pastors Disc.
	<i>In Memory of... Glenys Hotzler</i>	Erna & Wayne Johnson	Creator's Place
Jackie Cheney	Service Group	Lin & Ron Norenberg	Worship
Lin & Ron Norenberg	Bethel Cemetery	Karen Roberts	Hard Hat Ministry
	<i>In Memory of... Norm Pederson</i>	Bonnie & Tom Miller	Hard Hat Ministry
Lin & Ron Norenberg	Bethel Cemetery	Char & Rod Westrum	Caring & Outreach
	<i>In Memory of... Judy Garden</i>	Renee & Larry Bexell	Hard Hat Ministry
Lin & Ron Norenberg	Bethel Cemetery	Nancy McDowell	Hard Hat Ministry
	<i>In Memory of... Rojeas Cummins</i>	Roger Olson	Hard Hat Ministry
Kathy & Stuart Larson	Worship	Kathy & Stuart Larson	Worship & Music
		Lori & Ted Johnson	Worship & Music
		Patricia Stephens	Hard Hat Ministry
		Dorothy & Tony Platz	Calvary Endowment

Gather.

Learn & Grow.

Faith journeys look different for each of us. A Life Group is a great way to grow in faith and connect with others in an informal setting. Study Groups provide opportunities to learn & share more about our Lord. Calvary Lutheran Life Groups & Study Groups are excited to welcome anyone looking for that next stepping stone on their path to grow in knowledge, faith & friendship! Consider this your invitation to join a new group in this new year or start your own! Life, Study & Service Groups forms can be picked up at the church office or Welcome Desk.



Life, Study & Service Groups @ Calvary Lutheran Church

112 South Park Avenue
Park Rapids, MN 56470
Office: 218-732-7284
Office Hours: 8-2 pm - Monday - Thursday
www.calvaryparkrapids.com

Life Group Name	Contact Person	Schedule	Phone #
Faithy Females @ Bella's	Linda Van Bruggen	3 rd Thursday @ 4 pm	612-850-7085
CWLS Breakfast	Dorothy Plate	Monthly Event	218-732-8029
Men's Fellowship	Bob Hansen	Friday @ 7 am - @ Calvary Church	218-699-3167
Men's Breakfast @ Emmanille	Roger Olson	Every Wednesday @ 9 am	218-252-2877
Calvary Outsiders	Erni Johnson	Outdoor Activities	218-255-4081
Memor Writing	Jo Ashmore	Friday @ 8:15 am	218-237-6971
Study Group Name			
Christian Life Study Group	Liz Norenberg	Monday @ 4:30 pm	218-255-3414
Faith in Literature Book Club	Jo Judson	2 nd Tues @ 10 am	218-252-0156
Peace Circle	Rachei Amenson	2 nd Tues @ 1 pm	218-252-8062
Patience Circle	Dorothy Meyer	2 nd Thurs @ 4pm	218-255-4853
Joy Circle	Joni Classon	2 nd Wed @ 10 am	218-732-5469
Text Study	Pastor Steve	Monday @ 10:30 am	218-732-7284
Service Group Name			
WELCA	Rachei Amenson/Dorothy Meyer	Per Event	218-252-8062/218-255-4853
Library	Patty Stephens	Open Daily	218-616-0285
Quilters	Candy Bunge/Kathy Peterson	2 nd & 4 th Monday @ 9 am	218-732-3897 / 218-255-4098
Shawl Ministry	Jan Kehr	Varies	218-616-0414
Discretionary Team	Cheryl West	Every Thursday @ 2 pm	952-215-2050
Hard Hat Ministry	Brian Long	3 rd Friday @ 8:30 am	612-669-2389
Altar Guild	Barb Thomason	As Needed	218-732-9313
Suds of Service	Diana Koeka	2 nd Saturday @ Kintec's Laundry	218-732-7284
Calvary Gardeners	Jan Kehr	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday @ 9 am	218-732-3430
Calvary Singers (Choir)	Mary Nepsund	Wednesday @ 6:30 pm	952-738-1841
Bells	Mary Nepsund	Wednesday @ 5:00 pm	952-738-1841
Jubilate Singers	Deane Johnson	Contact for schedule info	218-732-8130

Updated: 12-31-2023

**For where two or three gather in my name,
there I am with them. ~ Matthew 18:20**

Serve in the Joy of the Lord!

Jesus set the perfect example when it comes to serving. At Calvary Lutheran there are so many ways to serve & share the special gifts & talents God gave you! Stop by the Calvary Office or the Welcome Desk and pick up a form. It would be great to serve alongside you, giving praise in so many ways, being the hands & feet of Jesus!

*For even as the body is one, and yet has many members, & all of the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.
1 Corinthians 12:12*

Serving Opportunities at Calvary Lutheran Church
Please join us in being God's hands and feet!

Name(s) _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
Email _____

Each member of your household (all ages) is invited to initial areas of interest. There is no obligation to serve full-time. Serve as you are able.

CARING & OUTREACH MINISTRY
 Caring and Outreach Core
 Social Media
 Hard Hat Ministry
 Hospitality
 New Member Welcome/Sponsor
 Visitor Follow-Up _____ Welcome Desk Attendant
 Mission Partner Supporter/Visitor
 Pastor Discretion Fund Assistance Team
 Prayer & Care Team
 Projects & Events

FAMILY MINISTRY
 Family Ministry Core
 Cradle Roll
 Help with Events
 Nursery Coordinator(s)
 Nursery Substitutes
 Nursery Youth Volunteers

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
 Finance & Stewardship Core
 Audit Committee
 Endowment Fund Committee
 Long Range Planning
 Offering Counters

SERVICE GROUP- Monthly
 Service Group Coordinator(s)
 Service Group Monthly Leaders

SERVICE GROUP - (serving beyond scheduled service month)
 Greeters
 Ushers
 Nominating Committee
 Communion Assistants
 Communion Bread Makers
 Leibe Making
 Food Prep for Funerals (approximately 3-hour shift)
 Provide Food for Funerals & Special Events
 Serve Food for Funerals (approximately 3-hour shift)
 Dishwashers for Funerals & Special Events
 Kitchen Cleaning
 Sunday Coffee & Cookies Set Up/Clean Up
 Kitchen Coordinator(s)
 Kitchen Volunteers
 Cook _____ Clean-Up _____ Dishwasher _____ Server _____ Setup

WELCA
 WELCA Board
 WELCA Bible Studies
 Joy _____ Peace _____ Patience
 Newborn Kit Project
 Personal Care Kit Project
 Prayer Shawl Knitters & Crocheters
 Quilters

LIFE GROUPS
Calvary Outsiders - Refer to website calendar for date, time & location each month
Fellowship - 2nd Thursdays at 4:00 PM, Belle Cafe
Calvary O.W.I.L.S. - Refer to website calendar for date, time & location each month
Men's Breakfast at Emmetville - Every Wednesday at 9:00 AM
Men's Fellowship - Friday's at 7:00 AM at Calvary Lutheran Church

If you are interested in joining a Life Group or for more information, contact the church office 218-732-7284

Upon completion turn into the Church Office or the Drop Box next to the office door
Someone from Calvary Lutheran will contact you

Helper _____
 ITS Server _____ Set-Up/Clean-Up _____
 Music _____ Prns _____

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

____ Special Talent(s) Willing to Share with Congregation
 ____ Sunday School Music Leaders(s)

YOUTH MINISTRY

____ Youth Core
 ____ Breakfast Club Substitutes
 ____ Chaperones
 ____ Youth Events _____ Youth Service Projects
 ____ Help With Youth Program(s)
 ____ Jr League _____ Sr League _____ Youth Events
 ____ Youth Service Projects _____ Youth Praise Band

____ Sunday School Assistant
 ____ Vacation Bible School Volunteers
 ____ Crafts _____ Decorating _____ Helper _____ Music
 ____ Provide Snacks _____ Registration Desk
 ____ Rotation Leader _____ Teacher

RESOURCE MINISTRY

____ Resource Core
 ____ Arts Advisory Group
 ____ Help with Holiday Decorating
 ____ Bethel Cemetery Board
 ____ Facility Planning
 ____ Facility Volunteers
 ____ Carpenters _____ Electricians _____ Handymen _____ Painters
 ____ Gardeners



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APPROVED

Calvary Lutheran Church Council

December 12, 2023

Members present: Bob Hansen, Dennis Aanenson, Tony Platz, Mark Harmon (on Zoom), Sara Forsberg, Monica Foster, Shalom Grandy, Bob Berdahl, Mandy Runyan, Brandi McMahon (on Zoom).

Also present: Pastor Steve Norby, Dana Kocka, SAM, and Wayne Pearson, Treasurer.

Devotion: Pastor Steve Norby

Reports:

- Secretary Report. Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2023, approved. Motion by Mandy Runyan, seconded by Sara Forsberg. Motion carried.
- Treasurer’s Report. Wayne Pearson reviewed the November Treasurer’s Report. November offerings were slower this past month. Expenses were less than budgeted. Difference from budgeted -\$1505.00. No unexpected expenses. Building Fund \$7685.28, less that budget of \$10,000/month. Treasurer’s Report accepted as written.

Business:

- Synod donations. Pastor Norby requested that the Council consider increasing the donation to the Synod to \$35,000. Current donation to the Synod is \$30,000 per year. Discussion by the Council members about the services provided to Calvary by the Synod. As this is a budget line item of the Caring/Outreach Core, this change will be considered by the Core group and the Finance Committee as they work on the budget for FY 2024.
- Schedule Annual Meeting. The annual meeting is scheduled for January 28 at 11:40AM. The motion was made by Dennis Aanenson, seconded by Monica Foster.

Other Business:

- Dana Kocka reported that he has been asked to perform five weddings. He is also providing premarital counseling as part of the wedding. Dana Reports that these weddings are for former Senior High League members.

Committee Reports, Core Ministry:

- Caring and Outreach, Sara Forsberg. No meeting in November. Meeting minutes for December 5, 2023, in packet. She highlighted that at least 12 members from Calvary attended the County Board meeting in support of the Youth Emergency Shelter and Support proposal. She reminded the Core Ministries that the theme in 2024 is “Welcome to the Table”.
- Family Ministry, Brandi McMahon. No meeting in November. Brandi reported that the numbers were down at the last event due to the weather. The committee has established a limit on donations to \$30/family to help with laundry. Amount spent per Saturday, \$300.
- Finance Ministry, Tony Platz. As printed.
- Learning Ministry, Erika Randall. Dana Kocka reported that the Christmas program is on December 17, 2023. Program practice is on December 16, 2023, Saturday 2:30-4:00PM.
- Resource Ministry, Dennis Aanenson. Dennis reported that there are no minutes from their meeting in November. Dennis made a motion to purchase a power surge protector for the church at a cost of \$1,500-\$2,000. Seconded by Shalom Grandy. Discussion and motion carried.
- Worship Ministry, Shalom Grandy. The Worship Committee will use the theme, “Come to the Table”, as part of The Lenten Services and Maundy Thursday. She announced that the Hubbard Methodist Church will have a Blue Christmas Service at 7PM on December 21, 2023.
- Youth Ministry, Mandy Runyan. The Senior League will be encouraged to participate in a service project once a month. In December they worked with the Arts Committee to decorate the church for Christmas. Dana has made plans to meet with college students during the Christmas break.
- Innovation Core, Bob Berdahl. See attached minutes from November 21. Bob discussed the Calvary Leadership Workshop planned for February 24, 2024, Saturday, 9AM –1PM with lunch included. The committee is discussing the Innovative Grants for projects or activities that align with and support Calvary’s foundation for the future. Setting up policies and procedures for these grants.

GENERAL FUND (Operational) MONTHLY FINANCIAL- Monthly Goal: \$46,100

2023	Income	Expenses	Difference
Dec 22'	\$109,370	\$48,547	\$60,823
January	\$53,615	\$47,674	\$5,941
February	\$35,489	\$50,484	(\$14,995)
March	\$43,258	\$51,234	(\$7,976)
April	\$65,942	\$43,116	\$20,291
May	\$41,574	\$39,997	\$1,577
June	\$38,470	\$81,582	(\$42,843)
July	\$43,552	\$61,689	(\$18,137)
August	\$39,860	\$67,056	(\$27,195)
September	\$34,420	\$45,823	(\$11,403)
October	\$45,585	\$49,671	(\$4,086)
November	\$39,970	\$41,476	(\$1,505)
December	\$122,811	\$45,782	(\$77,030)

BUILDING FUND INCOME

December Total:

\$ 47,844

Monthly Mortgage:

\$10,429

Announcements: None

Adjourned at 6:35PM with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Foster, Council Secretary

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SAM / Education & Youth - Dana Kocka
Treasurer - Wayne Pearson
Office Coordinator - Debby Hanneman
Worship Coordinator - Sandy James
Media Specialist - Liz Stone
Custodian - Collin Current
Organists - Sandra Lichter, Mary Nepsund, Shalom Grandy
Adult Choir & Bell Director - Mary Nepsund
Nursery Coordinator - Nicole Roepke
Bethel Cemetery - Jim Ertl

Calvary Church Council

218-255-3538 Bob Hansen, President
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e-mail.prayer.chain

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Calvary Lutheran Church, at the Crossroads of Grace and Service, shares Jesus Christ with others so that all may discover and experience God's Hope