



# Calvary Lutheran Newsletter

at the Crossroads of Grace & Service

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.*

~ Hebrews 6:19



Minnesotans love to talk and complain about the weather. Rain or shine, cloudy or overcast, sunny or partly sunny; one thing is for sure, we 'Minnesotans' tend to talk a lot about the weather. We use the weather as a conversation starter, and it seems as though everyone has a different opinion concerning the perfect weather. Summer is my time of year, and I am the happiest when there isn't a cloud in the sky.

Recently my family went out on the Crow Wing River, to enjoy a hot summers day. The highlight was as usual, tubing behind the boat and the large sandbar that could fill any child's heart with pure joy. While at the sandbar Tia's brother anchored his boat, as our family enjoyed the water and sun. The anchor kept the boat in one place. The anchor is a very important tool to have on a boat, especially while on large bodies of water!

In our lives, Jesus is a lot like an anchor. We can trust in Jesus' love and promises. Jesus will always be there, and he will never move. Our hope is secure in Jesus just like a boat is secure when firmly anchored within the water.

Truth is, Jesus spent a lot of time on the water. He calmed the sea during a storm. Jesus walked on water. He knew a lot about boats. Many of his close friends were fisher men and this tells us that they also knew a lot about boats. So, when Jesus talked about the anchor, we know that Jesus had a lot of knowledge.

Without a good anchor, a boat could drift away and be lost at sea. Having a trustworthy anchor on a boat is VERY important. And the same goes for our lives. We need to be careful that we don't drift away. We need to continually be growing in our faith and allow our faith in Christ to be our anchor. The anchor that gives us a firm foundation. There is no anchor stronger than Jesus. So, when the storms come before us, remember your anchor. Sunny days are yet to come, and we can be confident of this because of the faith and trust we have in Jesus, our anchor!

Join us for Worship this Summer as we remain anchored in Christ.

**Worship:** Saturday 5:30 pm / Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday Worship Schedule:**  
**July 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm**  
**July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am ONLY**

**WELCA Event – Newborn Kit Assembly**

**When:** Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 10 am - Noon  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Needed Supplies:**  
*Ivory Soap* – 4 oz. bath size bar  
*Diapers* – Newborn  
*Bath Towels* – lightweight, approx. length 52"  
*Wash Cloth* – no microfiber  
*Hats* – average circumference of 14"  
*Receiving Blanket* – lightweight, 30" x 30"

If you have questions, call Rachel Aanenson @ 218-252-8062 or Dorothy Meyer @ 218-255-4853

**Shopping Cart Drop Off!  
 Caring & Outreach Ministry**

Help support the People's Church! It is a homeless shelter in Bemidji, MN (ELCA Sponsored) who need the following items;

- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Paper Cups & Paper Plates
- ✓ Toilet Paper
- ✓ Napkins
- ✓ Twin Bed Sheet Sets (preferably not white)

Drop off before or after Worship services in the *Shopping Cart* located in the Narthex. If you have questions, contact Sara Forsberg @ 612-708-6548

**Calvary Owls** will be meeting for lunch on July 2nd @ 11:30 am at the Blueberry Pines Golf Course. Please RSVP to Dorothy Platz @ 218-252-8029

~ Happy Birthday ~

Bickey Bender	July 1	Donna Edelman	July 11	Kristen Partlow	July 21
Diane Dennis	July 1	David Kocka	July 11	Mike Stewart	July 21
Debbie Johnson	July 1	Leo Breitwesser	July 12	Samuel Coborn	July 22
Anika Kietzman	July 1	Rilee Johnson	July 12	Kathy Davis	July 22
Hunter Simon	July 1	Chloe Pachel	July 12	Isaac Hensel	July 22
Rylan Fogarty	July 2	Jodi Schultz	July 12	Easton Oswald	July 22
Rhonda Gartner	July 2	Andrea Hepola	July 13	Gordon Behnken	July 23
Debra Griebe	July 2	Scott Petersen	July 13	Ellie Carnell	July 23
Matthew Lichter	July 2	Heath Safratowich	July 14	Donna Yliniemi	July 23
Tim Schilling	July 2	Josh Crist	July 15	Samuel Huot	July 24
Paula Eberhardt	July 3	Bryan Hanson	July 15	Christian Ridlon	July 24
Eleanor Hensel	July 3	Larry Nepsund	July 15	Lynden Nelson	July 26
Larry Bexell	July 4	Kathy Wenner	July 15	Cathy Reich	July 26
Kamry Hanson	July 4	Doris Anderson	July 16	Anthony Gilster	July 27
Tyler Barr	July 6	Landon Eberhardt	July 16	Dannon Kietzman	July 27
Wayne Johnson	July 6	Paul Gilbertson	July 16	Heidi Weller	July 27
Tanner Stromback	July 6	Parker Harmon	July 16	Melissa Davis	July 28
Chelsea Swenson	July 6	Jim Musburger	July 16	Helen Rude	July 28
Linda Uscola	July 6	Adam Grandy	July 17	Soren Skjonsby	July 28
Cash Baumann	July 7	Zander Kocka	July 17	Makayla Gilster	July 29
JC Boyd	July 7	Sonja Tangen	July 17	Heather Meidinger	July 29
Sharon Gerlach	July 7	Josh Galzki	July 18	Lily Torkelson	July 29
Betty McCabe	July 7	Mara Johnson	July 18	Cindy Bohnsack	July 30
Ethan Tate	July 7	Brinn Krabbenhoft	July 18	Sara Boyd	July 30
Matthew Boyd	July 8	Ella Oswald	July 18	Kayleah Breitwesser	July 30
Joe Braun	July 8	Jackie Cheney	July 19	Levi Gack	July 30
Paul Dove	July 8	Lou Ann Dierkhising	July 19	Cyprien Tomperi	July 30
Steven Fisher	July 9	Sara Simpson	July 19		
Mark Thomason	July 9	Emmitt Mjelde	July 20		
Christina Hensel	July 10	Ted Johnson	July 21		
Susie Indrehus	July 10	Jo Judson	July 21		
Adalyn Pachel	July 10	Heidi Lageson	July 21		
Jim Sundstrom	July 10	Nick Meyer	July 21		



~ Memorials ~

*In Memory of... Joe Dewitt*

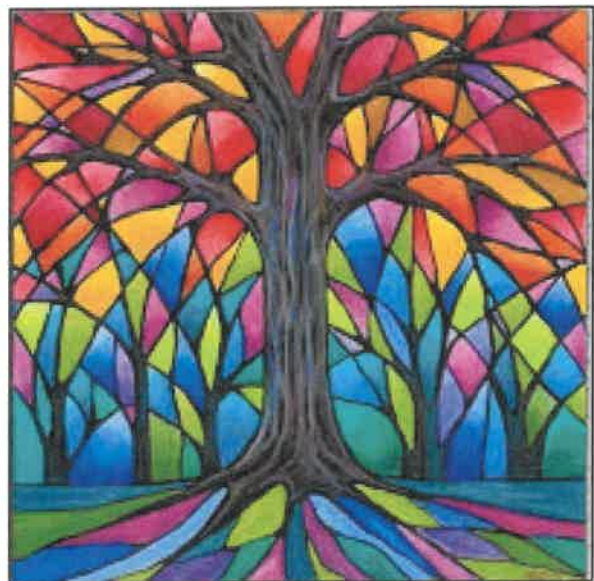
Elaine Landrigan                      Endowment Fund

*In Memory of... Howard Warrington*

Lin & Ron Norenberg                      Endowment Fund

*In Memory of... Deanna Johnson*

Beth Baker Knutla                      General Fund





# THE OUTSIDERS



You can't keep this group inside for long! The Outsiders like to get out in the fresh air and take in all that God has made to experience and marvel at. Whether it be picking juicy strawberries at Carter's Farm in the morning followed by homemade-jam-making back in the church kitchen that same afternoon, paddling along in Itasca Park or hiking a Paul Bunyan Forest trail, these folks can be found enjoying one of a multitude of fun activities that gets them outdoors! The second week of June, The Outsiders enjoyed a pontoon ride around Lake Belle Taine with lunch to follow over in neighboring Nevis! The last week of June The Outsiders found themselves on the hunt to locate giant-sized trolls that recently took up residence in the Detroit Lakes/Frazee area.

You can find out more about the upcoming adventures of the Calvary Outsiders by calling the church office or taking a look at the Calvary Lutheran website. The more the merrier! Don't hesitate to join this adventurous group who create & experience joy on their insides by enjoying & celebrating the gifts of our creator when you get outside!



## *Liz Stone, Being Jesus' Hands and Feet...*



**Liz Stone, Media Specialist**, has been a member of the Calvary Lutheran Staff since August of 2023. Liz works closely with the AV Team to provide sound and streaming services during worship. In addition, she keeps the church website up-to-date, programs the outdoor and indoor digital signs, writes the monthly newsletter insert and attends the Marketing Committee, Innovation, Worship, Youth & Education Core meetings each month. Liz has a background in operations management & marketing, & degrees in K-12 education & graphic design. A great passion & constant study for Liz is experiential design and she feels very fortunate to be able to put that passion to use in her role here at Calvary Lutheran. Liz feels so blessed to be a member of the Calvary Lutheran staff providing one of the many sets of hands and feet to serve our Lord and bring folks closer to Jesus!



# VBS JESUS SEEKERS!

July, 2024



Under the leafy canopy of Northern Pines Assembly Grounds, on the southeast corner of Fishhook Lake, kids in grades K through 6 gathered together to learn about Jesus for four fun-filled days at Vacation Bible School. Lessons on day one told of 12 year old Jesus the learner, spending time in the temple talking with leaders & fearlessly asking questions. (Luke 2: 41-52) On day two kids were invited to follow Jesus & recognize that he is our companion, he is right by our side to walk with us through our days. (Matthew 4:17-22) Day three lessons led our children up to the top of a mountain where Jesus was found preaching to a crowd and reminding them that their light shines wherever they go! (Matthew 5:14-16, John 8:12) Day four finished up the search for Jesus, finding him at home in Jerusalem with his disciples, washing their feet and using this tender act of kindness to teach our children about the importance & beauty of serving others & how serving others & how serving others is one way we can follow Jesus. (John 13:1-17)

**I LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE ME;  
ALL THOSE WHO DILIGENTLY SEEK ME WILL FIND ME.  
-PROVERBS 8:17**



Days filled with Bible time, crafts, games, music, dance & praise! God's heart was full! What a blessing it was to be able to host almost 100 kids at the Calvary Lutheran VBS this year! The efforts of our volunteers do not go unnoticed. You, dear volunteers, are shining examples of serving others like Jesus & you make VBS a wonderful & memorable experience for each child. Thank you for your gifts of love, time, patience & kindness!

**Approved**  
**Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes**  
**May 14, 2024**

Members Present: Mark Harmon, Monica Foster, Wayne Koop, Sara Forsberg, Gretchen Pederson, Tony Platz, Erika Randall, Joe McKinnon, Shalom Grandy, and Stuart Larson. Also Present: Pastor Steve Norby, S.A.M. Dana Kocha, and Wayne Pearson.

President Mark Harmon opened meeting with Pastor Steve leading Council in prayer.

**REPORTS:**

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Platz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Foster, to approve Apr 9, 2024 minutes, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pearson reported Apr offering was very good at \$45,923. Mortgage income was \$15,855 plus principal payment of \$850 was received. Monthly mortgage payment \$10,429 was made. Construction loan balance is now \$1,425,155. After expenses, \$4500 was added to the checking account.

**Caring and Outreach:** Desire to support Peoples Church of Bemidji with paper products and twin sheets in their efforts to house 17 homeless people and feed 40 people every week. Looking for 3 more participants to join 2 planning to attend the "Redefining Memory Loss" conference on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Fargo.

**Family Ministry:** More Suds of Service volunteers are needed. Ice Cream Social scheduled on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Looking for adult Nursery staff this Fall.

**Finance:** As written.

**Learning:** The Release Time of students through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will continue next year. Vacation Bible School June 3-6. Senior Grads recognition will be on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Resource:** As written. A fourth camera aimed down the sanctuary aisle will record Baptisms, Wedding entrances etc. Motion to approve \$1500 camera installation by Larson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platz, carried. Motion approving the gravel church north lot parking area contract with Sandquist Construction for \$5500 by Randall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larson, carried.

**Worship:** Outdoor service to be June 30 at Deane Park. Worship flow chart will be addressed in June.

**Youth:** As written. The Youth Pie Auction proceeds were approx. \$6700. Senior May 19<sup>th</sup> recognition will be at the 10:30 service, reception at 9:30. Youth Rummage Sale May 17-18.

**Innovation:** Core working to clarify what attracts visitors/new members to Calvary. Entire Worship services will soon be available on flash drives. Website Prayer Box and a physical Prayer Box at Calvary planned.

**Marketing:** Calvary Conversation Stickers soon to be handed out. Future Community Scandinavian Dinner being planned.

**Business:**

**Church Directory:** Calvary ordered 337 directories, of which 268 have been delivered. New members are provided with a copy and more will be needed. This Committee is congratulated on the extensive work to update member contact info and has delivered a superb Calvary Directory! The cost to purchase additional directories is \$10 each. Motion to purchase 100 more directories to be funded by Caring and Outreach by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> Forsberg, carried.

**Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly:** Meets at Concordia on May 17 - 18.

Council Agenda items/Reports need be submitted to the office by no later than Noon, Thurs prior to each meeting.

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 6:45 PM with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Koop, Council Secretary

GENERAL FUND (Operational) MONTHLY  
 FINANCIAL- **Monthly Goal: \$62,945**

2024	Income	Expenses	Difference
Dec '23	\$122,811	\$45,782	\$77,030
January	\$69,123	63,318	\$ 5,805
February	\$41,066	\$59,943	(\$18,876)
March	\$79,907	\$56,522	\$23,385
April	\$64,847	\$60,303	\$ 4,544
May	\$43,061	\$61,767	(\$18,706)
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

**BUILDING FUND**  
**INCOME**  
 May Total:  
**\$4,455**  
 Monthly Mortgage:  
**\$10,429**

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