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CALVARY CROSSINGS

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Mission Statement: Gathered to worship, transformed by Christ, sent out to serve.
Vision Statement: The vision of Calvary Lutheran is to be a beacon for Christ in our community.



Annual Meeting REVIEW

On Sunday, January 22, we gathered for our Congregational Annual Meeting celebrating and casting vision for ministry and mission! We had over 100 attend and affirm the ministry goals presented by our talented staff and gifted leadership.

Yea God!



HIGHLIGHTS:

- + Celebrating paying down about \$90,000 in debt!
- + Turning the remaining short term debt into 10 year loans!
- + Mission Sunday which was led by an inspiring Kingdom Challenge!
- + Launching our Renewal Night worship and fellowship gathering!

OUR NEW COUNCIL LEADERS WERE ELECTED: Nicholle Bieberdorf (President); Jim Molde, (Vice President); Sandy Hennem (Treasurer) and at large members: Terry Nielsen, Cindy Lewer, Andrea Brodina, Ron Tuck, Dick Sauer & Tony Hommes. Other leaders were also elected to the Financial Review Committee and Calvary Foundation. If you are interested in attending the synod assembly in Moorhead May 11 and 12, please see Pastor Genelle.

In 2012 we have challenges and opportunities: to fill staffing openings; to pave our new parking lot; to establish a two or three year debt reduction/capital campaign to launch in 2013; to enter the Bible and grow as disciples of God!

MAY GOD BE GLORIFIED AS WE ARE SWEEP UP INTO GOD'S MISSION FOR THE WORLD IN 2012!

A council report is available on the website and in the church library.



March Newsletter deadline:
8AM February 21 - firm.
Please e-mail
copy-ready items to
nancy@calvarybemidji.org

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HEART OF WORSHIP CONCERT



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans® of Bemidji is sponsoring a concert by

Heart of Worship **February 12th at 7 pm** **Calvary Lutheran Church.**

Thrivent members, church members and the people of the community are welcome.

Heart of Worship is a Christian Contemporary singing group from Red Lake Falls, MN. Members of this musical group all share a common love of music and of Jesus Christ and want to share the message of His love for them with others. These powerful concerts consist of praise and worship music, contemporary hymn arrangements and personal testimonies of God's work in each of the members' lives. All age groups find the performances uplifting, exciting and entertaining!

Members of the group include Sherry Knott, Gemma Drees, Cindy Arlt, Shelly Knott, Deb Amiot, Jen Wieland, Janette Mosbeck, JoAnn Zutz, Mikayla Miller, and Amelia Schmitz.

Concerts typically last an hour and a half, during which time audiences will enjoy selections of traditional sacred songs with a modern sound.

Heart of Worship is worth hearing! Their concerts will uplift, inspire and entertain!

If you have any questions regarding the group or the information presented please call Sherry Knott at 218- 253-2059 or email her at sherryknott@hotmail.com or locally contact Allen Zutz at 218-444-0202 or 218-280-7019 or email him at al.zutz@thrivent.com.



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ENTER THE BIBLE 2012

How goes your "entering in"? What kind of space are you finding the Bible to be? Is it narrow or broad? Familiar or weird? Comforting or disturbing? Holy or mundane?



We're a month into 2012, so it's a good time to check our bearings. In January, we journeyed through the first five chapters of the first Gospel written (and shortest one in our Bible), Mark. With little introduction, Jesus has come roaring into town. He's preached, called together, cast out, healed, forgiven, puzzled, attracted, taught, and even brought a little girl from death to life. It's an impressive start.

Our guiding theme for this year is not "Read the Bible" but "Enter the Bible." It's an important distinction. Most reading is a one-dimensional act: the text stays flat on the page, and the reader is in control. Entering the Bible is something different: it expects that the Bible is a spacious place, that there's a back-and-forth between reader and text, that the Bible surrounds and challenges and changes the one who enters in.

Bear this in mind as we navigate through chapters 6-11 of Mark in February. The landscape ahead is demanding but rewarding. Chapter 6 holds two low spots: rejection in Jesus' hometown and the death of John the Baptist. From there the terrain is varied: Jesus provides for those around him, even feeding a crowd of thousands; he hints at the cross ahead and stirs up dissent in his listeners; and, in chapter 11, he enters into Jerusalem, the fateful city where our story will climax.

Enter in! Enter into the tension ("I believe; help my unbelief!" [Mark 9:24]), the wonder ("Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men" [6:44]); and the passion ("... the Son of Man must undergo great suffering..." [8:31]). Go slowly. Go together. Go expectantly.

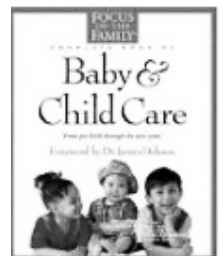
- Pr. Andrew

POTLUCK - FEBRUARY 5

All are invited to our first first-Sunday potluck, held after 10:45 worship (about noon) in the Fellowship Hall on February 5. Bring a dish to share if you can, and come prepared to share fellowship and dig into the last month's readings from the book of Mark. Bring your bibles; childcare will be provided.

LIBRARY NOOK

BABY & CHILD CARE – Focus on the Family's complete book from pre-birth through the teen years. An extensive child-care volume with full-color illustrations, photos, and foreword by Dr. James Dobson. Developed and approved by the Physicians Resource Council, this volume covers everything from preparing for parenthood to your child's adolescent years. It also addresses special topics such as child abuse, discipline, and caregivers. A thorough medical reference section includes information on orthopedics, emergency care, and first aid. From a source they can trust, parents will find sound advice and peace of mind throughout the development of their children. Section 12 of the church library.





As we enter the Bible together this year, you are encouraged to live in the Word every day of the week. Every month, this daily reading schedule will be printed in the newsletter; it will also be available on the website, via e-news, and as a hard copy.

From Christmas until Easter, we'll be reading through the Gospel of Mark. The Sunday readings miss a few parts of Mark, so we'll pick them up Monday through Friday. That way we'll get the whole book of Mark, from start to finish. Here's the pattern: Monday through Friday's readings will follow the past Sunday's text; and Saturday will prepare us for the next Sunday by reviewing the entire last week. Sometimes the daily reading will switch to another Gospel - Matthew, Luke, or John - to see how those authors tell the same story in different ways. Occasionally we'll jump back to the Old Testament (OT) for a helpful historical detail or to another part of the New Testament (NT) to see how Jesus' story connects to those who come after him. Be embraced by this saving story!

- Wednesday, February 01, 2012Leviticus 15:25-30
(info on how bleeding affected Jewish women)
- Thursday, February 02, 20121 Kings 17:17-24
(OT story about a child being raised to life)
- Friday, February 03, 2012Acts 19:11-12
(Jesus' followers receive gifts like Jesus')
- Saturday, February 04, 2012 Mark 5 - whole chapter
- Sunday, February 05, 2012 Mark 6:1-29**
- Monday, February 06, 2012.....Mark 6:30-44
- Tuesday, February 07, 2012.....John 6:1-15
(same story, different author)
- Wednesday, February 08, 2012Luke 9:10b-17
(same story, different author)
- Thursday, February 09, 2012Mark 6:45-52
- Friday, February 10, 2012Mark 6:53-56
- Saturday, February 11, 2012 Mark 6 - whole chapter
- Sunday, February 12, 2012 Mark 7:1-23**
- Monday, February 13, 2012.....Mark 7:24-30
- Tuesday, February 14, 2012.....Mark 7:31-37
- Wednesday, February 15, 2012Mark 8:1-10
- Thursday, February 16, 2012Mark 8:11-21
- Friday, February 17, 2012Mark 8:22-26
- Saturday, February 18, 2012.....Mark 7 (whole chapter) - 8:26
- Sunday, February 19, 2012Mark 8:27-9:13**
- Monday, February 20, 2012.....Mark 9:14-29
- Tuesday, February 21, 2012.....Matthew 17:14-21
(same story, different author)
- Wednesday, February 22, 2012 Mark 9:30-50 - Ash Weds.
- Thursday, February 23, 2012Mark 10:1-12
- Friday, February 24, 2012Mark 10:13-16
- Saturday, February 25, 2012..... Mark 8:27- 10:16 (incl. all ch. 9)
- Sunday, February 26, 2012 Mark 10:17-31**
- Monday, February 27, 2012.....Mark 10:32-34
- Tuesday, February 28, 2012.....Mark 10:35-45
- Wednesday, February 29, 2012Mark 10:46-52
- Thursday, March 01, 2012.....Mark 11:1-11 (dupl. Apr. 1)
- Friday, March 02, 2012.....Mark 11:12-33
- Saturday, March 03, 2012 Mark 10:32-11:33 (whole chapter)
- Sunday, March 04, 2012 Mark 12:1-12**

ADULT MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION

☐ SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY (5, 12, 19, 26)

Join the conversation with the One Year Bible discussion group in Room 1, 9:45-10:30 AM.

VIA DE CRISTO WEEKEND OPPORTUNITY



Via de Cristo Mission Statement: By grace, with the Holy Spirit, we challenge leaders to discover and achieve their personal calling, assisting them to influence their environments with the Gospel.

What is VIA de CRISTO?

VIA de CRISTO is a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ." VIA de CRISTO is a highly structured three day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. It is a combined effort of lay people and clergy toward renewal of the church.

Trinity Lutheran Church · Thief River Falls, MN
February 9-12 · February 16-19

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Andrew or Pastor Genelle.

CENTERING PRAYER/MEDITATION meets every Mon. in Rm 1. Come at 4:45 PM to receive instruction. From 5:00-5:30 PM we'll pray together.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, February 1 at the Peppercorn Restaurant for lunch. Please bring items for LWR kits such as combs, soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers, & towels. All widows are welcome.

CALVARY QUILTERS

Quilting meets at 9 AM each Thursday in the craft room. All are welcome to join us!

GLOWING AGE will meet Feb. 14 at noon in the church lounge.

MEN'S OPEN GYM

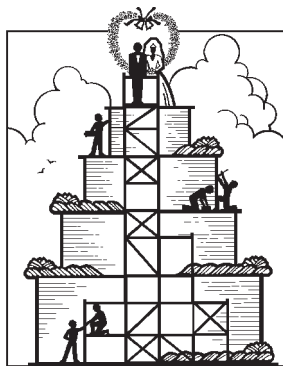
Come work off the holiday goodies by playing some basketball in our gym. Open gym will meet Mondays at 7:15 PM.

THE HORIZON CONNECTION, a non-profit support group focused solely on helping grieving individuals after the loss of a loved one, meets at 5:30 PM the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 16 at Lueken's North meeting room. For questions, contact coordinator Bonnie Jevning at 751-3118 or e-mail to: jevdq@paulbunyan.net.



The
Horizon
Connection

GETTING MARRIED IN 2012?



BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION

PREMARITAL RETREAT WEEKEND FEBRUARY 18 & 19

Join us for a Premarital Retreat Weekend, February 18 & 19, here at Calvary. We will be discussing communication, conflict resolution, stages of marriage and so much more! By attending this retreat you will receive a \$100 discount on your marriage license. Registration brochures are in the church office!

A VALENTINE GIFT FOR BOTH OF YOU

Leave the rest of the world behind and enjoy some quality time for just the two of you on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend. You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 7:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm. Engaging presentations by four Lutheran couples, including a clergy couple, give you valuable tools and information which are followed by exercises and questions the two of you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling or required sharing.

The Spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are February 10-12 in Brooklyn Center, March 23-25 in Duluth and May 4-6 in Walker. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.



BLOOD DRIVE

Blood DRIVE

CALVARY LUTHERAN
BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 1, 2012

2:00- 6:00 PM

Contact Mary Appleton at the church office @ 751-1893
or sign up online at mbc.org

Memorial Blood Centers support North Country Regional Hospital.

SWEPT UP IN GOD'S MISSION

"Be ready with a meal or a bed when it's needed." That's a call from the book of Hebrews and what Servants of Shelter is all about. By faith, I accepted a behind-the-scenes role for SoS: serving on the greater SoS board and coordinating food needs at Calvary. As I was new here, provision would come by faith, not contacts. Many, many of you have been an answer to prayer. After a year now, I have never had to "recruit" one person! When the food budget got tight from hosting an emergency week, people came to me or anonymously offered food. When I was too busy to bake at Christmas with all my family coming, cookies and baked goods seemed to rain down on my house. I have personally experienced how much our God cares about his children with abundant provision. And I have been deeply blessed.



Peace!
Cynthia Schulze

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S HOSPITALITY

Thank you for helping to host our neighbors during our January SoS week! We at Calvary joined together with volunteers from New Salem, Aardahl, Malvik, and the community (almost 100 volunteers in all) to provide shelter and care for 20 guests. We pray that God will continue to use us to grow in relationship with these brothers and sisters who are without stable housing. In March, we'll have our third and final hosting week of the season. Contact Kim Williams, Cynthia Schulze, Mary Appleton, or Pr. Andrew to serve. Look for more information soon!

Thank You!

Thank you to the kitchen cleaning/painting angels!

WORSHIP SPONSORS

Have a special event coming up? Would you like to give thanks to God? One way we honor your life journey is by inviting you to sponsor worship. We include your event or loved one as part of the prayers of the church and on the announcements. It is one more way that we are intentional about walking with you as a church family. Donations go to offset costs associated with worship (microphones, music stands, cords and much more!) Sign up on the fellowship doors. We thank the following for sponsoring February services:

Worship Sponsors:

- February 5** Sponsored by Sandy Hennem in celebration of the Village of Hope.
- February 12** Sponsored by Bill, Jennifer, Katie & Becca Sanford in celebration of Jeremiah Webb's safe return from Afghanistan.
- February 19** Available to sponsor at press time.
- February 26** Available to sponsor at press time.

The 2012 worship sponsorship sign sheets are hanging up on fellowship hall doors. Please consider this opportunity!

RENEWAL NIGHT- TUES., 6:30 PM IN LOUNGE

**What is
Renewal Night?**

For me it is an evening that I can join others who are willing to listen to my thoughts and needs without judging me. We do a short Bible study that shows us how gracious our Lord is and how much He loves us. I can always feel God's love flowing from one person to another as we take turns sharing our concerns. Even though everyone's needs are different there is such a caring that takes place each night. It is wonderful to know that several people are praying for me throughout the week. What is renewal night? It is truly a blessing from God. Darla Jackson



FEBRUARY MISSION PARTNER

Calvary Lutheran Church continues to take a second offering on the second Sunday of the month (February 12), but you are encouraged to give throughout the month to our partners. We are asking that ALL checks be made out to Calvary Lutheran and in the memo line write our mission partner for the month. This will help with better record keeping. Lutheran Campus Ministry is our February ministry partner.

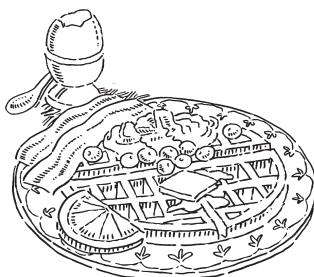
About Lutheran Campus Ministry

Calvary continues to be a strong supporter of local college students and their life in faith by partnering with Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) at Bemidji State University (BSU), led by Pr. Jim Holthus. This vital ministry has seen significant cuts in its funding from the ELCA, so local support is especially vital. Calvary supports LCM through leadership on its board, help in fundraisers, and financial support. We hope to form a Calvary ministry team to support this relationship. Be in touch with Pr. Andrew if you have interest. Come on Feb. 12 to hear Pr. Jim preach and to enjoy a waffle breakfast between services, served by college students.

**CAMPUS
MINISTRY**



WAFFLE BREAKFAST
Lutheran Campus Ministry is hosting a waffle breakfast as a fundraiser at Calvary between services on Sunday, February 12. Come and enjoy!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hey, did you know Calvary's Youth group has a place on Facebook!!! Just go to Calvary Lutheran Church High School Youth of Bemidji

HIGH SCHOOL

TIME TO GO CLUBBIN'

CLUB is on! All High School students are invited to join us every Wednesday night school is in session for some crazy games, singing, fellowship and loads of God talk. We will be discussing the book "Not A Fan"; Ash Wednesday – Lectio Divina & February 29, join us for the LEAP YEAR PARTY! Club gets rolling around 7:30, and we wrap up by 9:00 PM! Find us on Facebook for last minute happenings: Calvary Lutheran Church High School Youth of Bemidji!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is still happening at the High School when school is in session at 7:27 AM in Mr. Stevens' room.

MISSION TRIP

We still have two (2) openings for students for the West Virginia Mission Trip July 13 – 23ish (depending on travel arrangements). Please contact Pastor Genelle for more information!

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP MEETING

Sunday, January 29
6:00 PM in the lounge.
Please let Pr. Genelle know if you can't make this meeting.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

SUMMER OF 2012 - MISSION TRIP

Our middle school missionaries are heading to Lake Traverse, SD trip the week of 6/3/12. There are 10 spots for students and 2 adult spots reserved for this trip. More information about this ministry opportunity to come!

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER

Income - all sources \$106,678.24
Expenses..... \$172,030.32

YTD

Income - all sources \$794,090.39
Expenses..... \$864,420.29

DECEMBER Ministry Partner

Village of Hope\$1,000.00
Servants of Shelter.....\$573.38



DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

A GIFT OF TIME

I am amazed by how many people are willing to serve and also how many are waiting to be asked to serve. Here is your invitation! There are short time commitments of an hour or less, such as greeting, serving meals at Calvary Alive or helping at the Servants of Shelter or Soup Kitchen. There are long term commitments such as serving on council or other ministry teams, (green ministry team, SOS ministry team). Call or email me if you are looking for an opportunity that fits your time and gifts. We give because we first received. The Christ Child came to give us gifts of forgiveness and grace. Thank you for your gifts and I look forward to talking to you.

Mary Appleton, Discipleship Minister
751-1893 ext. 105
maryatcalvarybemidji@yahoo.com



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

SUMMER STATE PARK MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Calvary is coordinating Sunday morning worship at Lake Bemidji State Park from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Many people from different churches help to lead a service there, and you are invited to bring God's word to this beautiful setting. Please contact Arlyce Sipe if you are interested (444.8836)

SOUND TECHS NEED FOR WORSHIP

Are you interested in learning how to run the sound board and/or powerpoint for worship? Training is available and the schedule is flexible. If interested, please contact the pastors.



SPRING MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Calvary is hosting the Headwaters Conference meeting on Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 PM. This meeting invites all church members from our sister churches in this area for a time of worship, fellowship and for a short program. Persons interested in attending the Synod Assembly in May are especially encouraged to attend this event in preparation for the May meeting. All are welcome!



STAFFING TASK FORCE

Pr. Genelle is going to ask the council to appoint a 9 person staffing task force to assemble in February. Their charge will be to assess the needs of Calvary Lutheran in the areas of youth and family ministry and worship leadership ministry. The taskforce will present a variety of opportunities for you to share your thoughts/hopes/dreams as well as consult other experts in the field. Pr. Genelle hopes that this taskforce will have a final report at the April council meeting.

GRIEF SHARE COMING SOON....

Grief is one of the most difficult things to learn how to get through in this life. That is why our church has decided to sponsor a Grief Share program. Grief Share is specifically designed for those how have lost a loved one due to death. It is a 13 week program that gathers us for fellowship, support and comfort. Each week, we will watch a short video and follow a workbook to mark our journey through grief together. If you are interested in being a part of a Grief Share group or would like to help lead or support a program like this, please contact Sue Allen (854-7411) or Pastor Genelle.

FEBRUARY SERVICE

Please Note: You are assigned to serve on a monthly Service Group to help with Calvary Alive, funerals, weddings and other needs as they arise. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

Tony & Evonne Andrews.....	444-5066
Dan & Terri Bentler	333-3580
Mark & Amanda Bensen.....	444-5326
Janice Dagen.....	444-1335
Dale & Gail Edman	444-8555
Paul & Deb Ericsson	444-3525
Monte & Pat Fjosne	243-2312
John & Sonja Florhaug.....	444-8579
Al & Lynda Gavlovsky.....	751-6159
Bruce & Tanya Hasbargen	444-6576
Leah & Scott Hendricks.....	444-7257
Doug & Melissa Hoover	444-8606
Lynn Johnson	333-8782
Jeff & Arla Keckeisen.....	444-2792
Craig & Jody Larson	444-5838
Jodi Lindsey	751-2082
Jeanette Lukowski	333-8829
Tamara Mason	556-0236
Paul & Jamie Muller	444-6078
Steve & Annette Nyland.....	444-6172
Casey & Colleen Pearson	444-8231
Carol Pelton.....	751-7866
Ken & Leann Schreiber	444-4103
Bob & JoAnn Strand.....	751-8785
Dan & Lori Thompson	444-6366
Brian & Susan Vraa	444-8861
Ken & Sharon Whelan	755-1148
Gary & Bev Winkka	333-1484

MENUS



Feb. 1: Hamburgers, potato chips, baked beans, peaches and chocolate chip cookies

Feb. 8: Chili, fruit cocktail, rice krispie bar and dinner rolls

Feb. 15: Chicken breast sandwich, tator tots, green beans, applesauce and peanut butter cookie

Feb 22: Vegetable beef soup/Chicken Wild Rice soup, dinner rolls, peaches, ice cream sundaes

Feb 29: Au gratin potatoes/ham, corn, dinner rolls, pears and sugar cookies

add calendar here.



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday
 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM
Tuesday
 6:30 PM
Wednesday
 6:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Tues. & Thurs
 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday
 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday
 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday
 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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WELCOME, POLLY

Please help us welcome to our ministry team, Polly Merhar, Church Administrator. Welcome, Polly!

MEET POLLY

Hello, Calvary! I am Polly Merhar and I have been hired as the new church administrator and will start February 8. I've been asked to do a short bio to introduce myself to the congregation – and I don't think they meant cell biology. I think they mean for me to tell you the experiences in my life that make me who I am now and how that has drawn me to this job, for this congregation.



Growing up on the north shore of Lake Superior I had the wonderful opportunity to experience the many moods of that big and beautiful lake. I graduated from Two Harbors High School, got my undergrad from the College of St. Scholastica in food service and management and recently my MA from St. Mary's in organizational leadership.

I have owned a restaurant, worked at a charter school in transportation and food service, was a registration and support services manager at Concordia Language Villages and most recently was the business manager for S. Koochiching Rainy River School District. My family moved to Bemidji 12+ years ago. My husband, Charlie, is a teacher at TrekNorth where our son, CJ, is a junior.

All of this and more drew me to Calvary to offer my education, experience, strengths and mission driven creative management style to the congregation of Calvary. Thank you for the opportunity to grow with you. You can reach me at: PollyatCalvary@yahoo.com.

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Council meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 4:30 – 6:15 PM.

If you would like to view the newsletter online rather than in print, please contact the church office.