

# Calvary News

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## Holy Week Worship

On Ash Wednesday, Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9), on his way to the cross to die for our sins. But death is never the final word in God's kingdom. Through Lent we follow Jesus as he loves the unloveables, calls us to repent, leaves to find the lost ones, brings hope to the hopeless and extends God's grace to all people. In April we come to one of the most important weeks of our entire year, Holy Week.

**Palm Sunday** – Choir Cantata & Sunday School Children's Program

**Maundy Thursday** – Noon Holy Communion worship followed by lunch & 6:30 PM Holy Communion & fifth grade milestone celebration

**Good Friday** – Noon worship (no meal) & 6:30 PM worship

**Easter Vigil 8:00 PM** – Candlelight & renewal of baptismal vows

**Easter Sunday** – 6:30, 8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM Holy Communion worship & baptismal festival. Easter breakfast served all morning.

You are also encouraged to sign up to be a part of our communal Lenten disciplines during Holy Week. Signing up on the website will give you some resources for you to go deeper during Holy Week in our vision goals of Grow, Give, Serve.

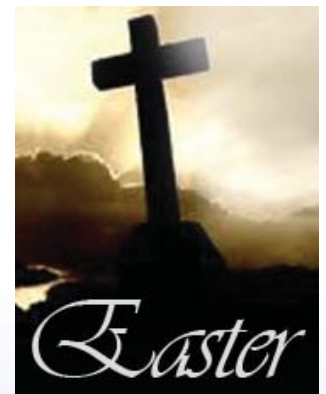
Come & worship with us!

## Worship Volunteers Needed for Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services

We are in need of ushers, greeters, communion assistants, lectors, and acolytes!

Services are at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 13 and Friday, April 14, and Easter Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 am, 8:15 am, 9:30 am, and 10:45 am.

If you would like to help out please sign up on the poster board in the gathering area or call Kim in the church office.



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**May newsletter deadline:**  
**8 am, April 18, 2017**

Please e-mail submissions to  
[communications@calvarybemidji.org](mailto:communications@calvarybemidji.org)  
May be edited as space requires.

**Visit our website at [calvarybemidji.org](http://calvarybemidji.org) to see what is happening!**

# Grow • Give • Serve

## Reflections on Via de Cristo at Calvary

God's grace was given and received in powerful ways at our Via de Cristo retreats held at Calvary from March 2-5 (for men) and March 9-12 (for women). Twenty men and seventeen women from the region, 7 of whom were from Calvary, took part as "weekenders" in this rich time of Christian fellowship, learning, worship, and rest. They were joined by many more people on the coordinating team. We praise God for the participants and the gift of physical space that we have to share.

"From March 2 through 5, 20 Christian men from Minnesota and North Dakota experienced Via de Cristo - The Way of Christ - here at Calvary Lutheran. Our church - God's House - hosted this event and was put to great use for worship and to glorify our Lord. God blessed me with the opportunity to attend. The weekend was filled with prayer, reflection, teaching, fellowship, communion, singing, laughter, tears, powerful Spirit-infused experiences and a resounding message grounded in God's Grace. Our experience was supported by a staggering 52 volunteers, who made up the prayer, kitchen, music and leadership teams. Each of these volunteers truly 'reflected the love of Christ' and allowed God to work through them to touch each of us in a unique and uplifting way. Through this event, the Holy Spirit revealed our Gracious Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in ways that changed lives, healed deep-rooted hurts, opened hearts to accept the gift of God's Grace, renewed faith that had become lukewarm, and provided inspiration to understand and follow the Way of Christ. Thanks be to God for providing our church and our congregation with this amazing opportunity to serve Him."

-Rick Olson



"This extraordinary both rambunctious and profound three-day experience served to open my heart in a real way: showered with proof of the living nature of God's love, I realized that the obstacles I have perceived to openly living my Christian calling reside largely within myself which, however, Christ has already overcome. Beautiful, spacious Calvary made this life-changing experience possible, with everything we needed from the sanctuary to the kitchen and dining room and space for our cots. We are very blessed to have this facility because it makes community possible."

-Sylvia Olney

## Do You Ever Have Questions Like These?

Every week we receive some wonderful questions from our confirmation families in their worship notes. They're probably questions that you share. Here, your Calvary pastors share a response to these questions. This month the response is from Pastor Andrew.

### WHY ARE THERE SO MANY VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE? IS ONE BETTER THAN THE OTHER?

Good questions! There are lots of different versions of the Bible because God's word can be translated for all kinds of different contexts. This is good because it's one of the ways that God speaks to us "in our own native language" (Acts 2:8), but it can also be overwhelming and confusing.

The original Bible was written over many years and by many authors. Hebrew was used for the Old Testament (plus a few parts are in Aramaic) and Greek for the New Testament. From early on, the Bible was translated into different languages to reach people with the good news of Jesus.

A Bible translation is typically a complete version of the Bible made by one or several people who study the original languages and transfer the words and meanings into another language. Popular English translations include the King James Version, the New International Version, and the New Revised Standard Version (which we typically use during worship at Calvary). These versions differ for a variety of reasons: some translations are "word for word" while some are "meaning for meaning"; some versions are paraphrases that try to phrase the Bible in modern and accessible ways; newer versions of the Bible take into account discoveries of old manuscripts and developments in our understanding of Hebrew and Greek; and every translator has different theological biases that influence the way he/she translates.

Each study Bible has a basic translation, but it adds explanatory notes within the book. These notes might explain a metaphor, give some historical background, or indicate a way to apply the text. A study Bible might have special notes from a denominational perspective, for men or women (Master Builders Bible for Men), or for general students of the Bible (Oxford Annotated Bible).

### IS ONE VERSION BETTER THAN THE OTHER?

Many people have their preferences but there's no single "best version." I use the NRSV and NIV, and I hear good things about the ESV; the Oxford, New Interpreters, and Harper Collins study Bibles (all NRSV) were much-used when I was at seminary. At the end of the day, the best version is the one that you're reading. Like a professor of mine said, "I don't care what version you have. Just READ the Bible!"

# *Birthdays this month*

Please pray in celebration for these people on their birthday. If your birthday is not listed, or is not correct, please call the church office to update our records.

- 01-Apr Ron Gladen, Philip Coombs, Chris Anderson, Charlie Geller, Max Harris, Isaac Lauderbaugh, Steve Nyland
- 02-Apr Jon Bergquist, Melanie Crunden, Ben Moen, Kade Davidson, Mataya Davidson, Greta Nettetstad
- 03-Apr Paul Iverson, Lori Dobson, Brian Levin, Andi Ickler
- 04-Apr Judy Hommerding, Jeff Ewert, Tonia Karbowski, Nathan Peterson, Mitchell Seopa, Eli Klinke, Elizabeth Leindecker, Olivia Wangberg, Beau Weidner, Liam Colbert, Soren Reinarz
- 05-Apr Bill Sanford, Don Turk Jr., Brooke Quello, Cody Rohde, Nichol Treichel, Breanna Miller, Anna Falldorf, Kate Halden, Kaylee Gudmundson
- 06-Apr Peter Tentinger, Rolf Lund, Hannah Trefz, Luke Yokom, Kalli Gross, Callan Sant
- 07-Apr Nancy Brovold, Linda Quamme, Tracy Grove, Paul Girouex, Rachel Ford, Dani Luby, Lyndon Elke, Blake Hemmelgan, Amelia McClellan
- 08-Apr Matt Bahl, Lindsey Wangberg, Sarah Apel, Pailey Clemenson
- 09-Apr Diane Wahl, Kaila Long Voelkner, Joe Robinson, Payten Hendricks, Autumn Schmid
- 10-Apr Jim Fillipi, Eric Splichal, Ryan Westhoff, Cole Jensen, Benjamin Frauenholtz
- 11-Apr Roine Cunningham, Mary Dehart, Waylon Lindseth, Cody Kasper, Michael Tews, Esmeralda Gudino, Bradley Schmidt
- 12-Apr Ashley Olsen, Grace Naig, Addie Colligan, Maggie Brown, Chandler Seitz, Layne Brekken
- 13-Apr Trai Ford, Brandi Lahn, Erin Larson, Nicholas Mannausau, Kinsey Younggren, Palmer Olson, Grayson Dunn
- 14-Apr Nick Severson, Andrew Clemenson, Chelsea Bjerke, Sara Oster, Thomas Oster, Tate Hammitt, Victoria Bahr, Story Beyer
- 15-Apr Tanner Dremmel, Jonah Snyder, Madelyn Bjorgaard, Elliot Peterson
- 16-Apr Roger Gunsalus, Diane Davis, Brian Vraa, Adam Abbott, Marlana Larson, Tiffany Smith, Erin Haman, Jordan Anderson, Leah Collison, Samuel Maurice, Miley Dougherty
- 17-Apr Cheryl Colford, Larry Siverson, Dave Tews, Matthew Larson, Maxwell Bahr, Olivia Lundin
- 18-Apr Emilie Peterson, Darlene Gunderson, Cindy Large, Wyatt Halvorson
- 19-Apr Ellen Jackelen, Carrie Krump, Rhonda Hendricks, Tanya McMahon, Katy Zietz, Tyler Truax, Adam Holter, Cassie Longfellow, Daniel Headlee
- 20-Apr Dawn D'Alessandro, Randy Foss, Matthew Fossen, Emma Brown, Hannah Brown, Cole Pouliot
- 21-Apr Bob Heinen, Sue Moen, Don Turk, Zacary Fouquere-Skoe, Sydnee Kuzel, Mia Russ, Devon Anderson, Izabella Premo
- 22-Apr Garry Lange, Elizabeth Wadena, Mia Hoffmann
- 23-Apr Edith Hoyum, Barb Zierke, Patti Russ, Tyler Brown, Brock McCrory, Avery Carlson, Kendra Strodman
- 24-Apr Pam Madson, Robin Harris, Chloe Leinen, Freddie Petrowske
- 25-Apr Bruce Hemstad, Joy Buchholtz, Paul Clemens, Kris Seitz, Jenna Palmiscno, Ben Wangberg, Jenna Labraaten, Lindsey Hildenbrand, Kevin Ward, Izabella Truax
- 26-Apr Dennis Bartz, Dana Kvalevog, Amy Loewe, Keely Dremmel, Jordan Manick, Hannah Quinn
- 27-Apr Ellis LaVoy, Tyler Curran, Justin Christensen, Jessie Erickson, Sam Starkey, Orin Kerr
- 28-Apr Fred Pick, Cindy Lewer, Mark Boyer, Erin Sundvall, Joey Larson, Coy Skerik
- 29-Apr Vivian Anderson, Gordy Lindgren, Donna Ward, Kate Hildenbrand, Chloe Workman, Heneric Gilbertson
- 30-Apr Joan Stevens, Cathy Berglund, Renae Smith, Pam McCrory, Carmen Garrigan, Randy Lish, Alexandria Sand, Tanner Hatfield, Chance Hinrichs, Justin Jemtrud, Benjamin Truax

## DID YOU KNOW?

### *Wednesday Calvary Alive Meals*

The second council survey will come out soon and ask you about the Wednesday Calvary Alive meal we offer - Look for it in an upcoming E-News! We serve a meal each Wednesday that we have confirmation, and we ask for a free-will donation to cover the cost of the meal.

#### **CALVARY ALIVE MEAL FACTS**

Volunteers cook, serve, and clean up each meal.

We have a paid meal coordinator who works about 4 hours a week.

We serve about 3,300 meals each school year.

Donations average \$1.75/meal.

Thrivent Action Team Grants help us cover costs for some special meals.

## HAPPENINGS

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY**

Southside Rest. Wednesdays 6:30 am

**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES** at Calvary, 10 am Wednesdays; Goodies: 9:30 am

**MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** at Calvary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. each month, 1:30 pm

**HOPE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** at Calvary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. each month, 9:30 am

**MARIGOLD CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. each month, 10 am. Contact Linda Arnold (759-9702)

**JOHN EGGERS' ONLINE BIBLESTUDY** Weekly on our website or via Enews.

**DIVORCE CARE** Thursdays 6:30 pm at Calvary. Chip Holt (651-353-0029)

**GRIEF SHARE** Mondays, 3:00 pm at Evangelical Free Church Tuesdays, 5:30 pm at Calvary

**ZUMBA CLASS** at Calvary, sarahbendorf.zumba.com

**EXERCISE WITH LEAH HENDRICKS** at Calvary, bemidjibounce.com

**MARTIAL ARTS** at Calvary, Northwinds Martial Arts (218-333-3806)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>26</b> Youth Silent Auction 3:22-4:19 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Traditional Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Family Express: Camp Style Worship 10:15 AM Jamaica Mission Trip Preview Meeting 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM American Swedish Institute Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>27</b> Youth Silent Auction 3:22-4:19 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Crafters at Lieken's North - fire side area 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Family Express: Camp Style Worship 10:15 AM Jamaica Mission Trip Preview Meeting 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM American Swedish Institute Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>28</b> Youth Silent Auction 3:22-4:19 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>29</b> Youth Silent Auction 3:22-4:19 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Noon Lent Kingdom Kids 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kids Choir 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Jamaica Mission Trip Preview Meeting 6:30 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship 7:15 PM Confirmation Mentoring at Calvary Youth CLUB 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p><b>30</b> Youth Silent Auction 3:22-4:19 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Ministry Team Rehearsal 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Divorce Care at Calvary 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Divorce Care at Calvary</p>	<p><b>31</b> Youth Silent Auction 3:22-4:19 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM R.I.P. P.E.D Exercise Class with Leah 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball (private) 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p><b>1</b> Prenatal/Weekend Youth Silent Auction 3:22-4:19 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Kangoo Jumps with Leah 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Divorce Care at Calvary 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Divorce Care at Calvary</p>
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<p><b>9</b> Palm Sunday Youth Silent Auction 3:22-4:19 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Final Day 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Worship with Choir Cantata 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Family Express: Camp Style Worship 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM American Swedish Institute Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>10</b> Palm Sunday Youth Silent Auction 3:22-4:19 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Kangoo Power with Leah 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Family Express: Camp Style Worship 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM American Swedish Institute Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:45 AM Preschool Chapel 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM Preschool Staff Meeting 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool Bible Study 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>12</b> 5:15 AM P.Y.O Exercise Class with Leah 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Noon Lent Kingdom Kids 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kids Choir 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship 7:15 PM Confirmation Mentoring at Calvary Youth CLUB 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p><b>13</b> Maundy Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team Rehearsal 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Benjidi Homeschool 12:00 PM Noon Maundy Thursday Worship &amp; Luncheon 4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts Round Table 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Divorce Care at Calvary 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p><b>14</b> Good Friday 8:00 AM - 9:05 AM R.I.P. P.E.D Exercise Class with Leah 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Preschool Easter Programs 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM Preschool Easter Programs Basketball (private) 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball (private) 12:00 PM Good Friday Worship 6:30 PM Good Friday Worship 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8:00 AM Kangoo Jumps with Leah 4:00 PM Easter Breakfast Setup 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Worship</p>
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# Giving of Ourselves

## 2017 Mission Trips

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP:**  
Duluth, MN - June 18-23

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP:**  
Daytona Beach, FL - July 15-22  
Meeting May 31 at 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT**  
The middle school retreat is April 28-29. Registration is available in the Calvary office.

Registration brochures are available in the office. Talk with Pastor Nate for more information.

## A Special Gift

"After my husband died, I realized how much I missed worshipping with him. Each year, I sponsor worship in memory of him to remember all the years we worshipped together. I appreciate hearing the prayers with his name, knowing that it is just not me that miss his presence but my church family does too. I am glad that the money given helps to support having music equipment and communion so we can continue to worship together today."

-A Calvary member

Do you have a special event or celebration coming up that you would like to have the church celebrate with you? If so, you too can sponsor worship. Simply sign up on the doors of the Fellowship Hall and make a donation. What a special gift that celebrates God at work in our everyday lives!

## 2nd Annual 'Piece of the Pie' Day

Greetings from The Bridge Capital Appeal Team!

A big thank you to all who made & donated pies for us to enjoy on Sunday, March 19 for our 2nd annual pie social. Thank you to Mel Luepke who auctioned off 14 pies and raised \$1,945 to support our Bridge Capital Appeal. The pie plates brought in an additional \$1,980 and made the day even more festive! If we include our fellowship for the day we raised over \$4,000! The goal of our Bridge Appeal is about transformation - transforming both our mortgage and our facility. The updates to the sanctuary and fellowship hall has made a major impact on our mission and ministry! Our mortgage is now under \$1.5 million and we have a whole year left to our appeal.

God has blessed us with faithful followers of Jesus who enables us to give generously.

May God be glorified!

## 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERING MINISTRY PARTNER



Why do we have second offering ministry partners? Couldn't the congregation use the money for its own needs? These are good questions! We give because we value the work of many ministries outside our own walls and congregation. We trust in God's abundance, and we place a high value on partnerships with others. So sharing what we have received makes good sense!

One of Calvary's main ministry partners is Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) of Bemidji, housed in the Lutheran Campus Center at 1221 Birchmont Dr. NE, at the south end of BSU's campus. LCM is led by Pr. Tim Megorden, Ministry Assistant Mary Arndt, and three student

leaders who currently live in the house. LCM is a vital outreach of our church, as it establishes supportive relationships with and genuine hospitality for young adults during their college years. Check out the new roof on the campus center! It's part of a capital campaign initiative that will keep the 100-year-old building going strong for many more years. Be praying for the ministry, too, as it looks for ways to partner with Calvary, First Lutheran, and New Salem, so that it's not stuck in a campus "silo."

Partnership is more than money! This month, you are invited to pray for the pastoral call process that LCM is going through in conjunction with First Lutheran Church. Also, Calvary members can meet and share food with students by sharing Supper for a Buck (SFAB) ministry on Thursday nights from 5-6:30 during the school year. You can show up any time! Talk to Pr. Andrew if you'd like to learn about more ways to get involved with LCM.

*While we will take a second offering one Sunday per month (April 9), you are encouraged to give throughout the month to our ministry partners. We ask that ALL checks be made out to Calvary Lutheran. In the memo line, write our mission partner for the month. This will help with better record keeping.*



Over  
\$4,000!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

February	Income	Expenses
General Fund ....	\$54,854	\$65,047
Preschool .....	\$25,386	\$30,537

Cash & Receivables ..... \$159,544

### Ministry Partners:

Gideons ..... \$1,094.50

**Calvary Foundation Balance:** ..... \$33,478

### Capital Appeal: THE BRIDGE

Received in February ..... \$15,261  
Received to the pledge so far ..... \$606,134  
Pledged to date ..... \$830,015  
Households pledged to date ..... 212

To give online go to the giving page on [calvarybemidji.org](http://calvarybemidji.org)!

# Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Bemidji, MN

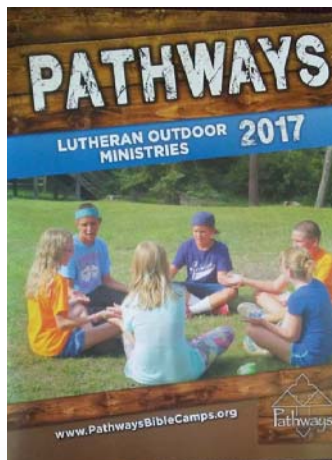
ABOUT US

CALENDAR

LENTEN PRACTICES SIGN-UP

## Make Plans for Bible Camp This Summer!

Our great Pathways Bible Camp staff will be with us to help lead worship and encourage us to get to camp this summer. Join us on Wednesday, April 19 & again on Sunday, April 23 at the 9:30 worship service.



From week long traditional camp to Family Resort Weekends; Hike Pedal & Paddle adventures to Pathways Village (similar to Holden Village!) – there is a spot for you this summer! Pick up a brochure and register today!

## Youth Silent Auction

So far our Silent Auction has been a great success, but it isn't over yet! If you would still like to donate an item to the auction you must bring it to our office before church services on Sunday, April 2. Bidding will continue on all of our items until Sunday, April 9 at 10:30 am. Be sure to keep checking the bids on your favorite items so you don't miss out!



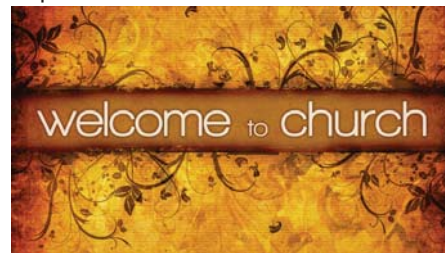
## Our Calvary Rummage Sale Returns!

Calvary's Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 20. Save your stuff and participate in the sale with the great folks of Calvary! We will provide more information on this event soon.



## New Member Sunday – April 23

On Sunday, April 23, Calvary will welcome new members into this community of faith. To join, new folks either arrange for a meeting with one of the pastors or attend one of the group sessions on Wednesday, March 29, from 5-6:30 pm in Room 1, or on Sunday, April 9, from 12:15-1:45 pm in the lounge. A meal will be served at each gathering, and child care is available if requested.



Please RSVP to Kim Warren in the church office (kwarren@calvarybemidji.org), on the board in the front of the church or to Pr. Andrew.

## PRESCHOOL CORNER

### PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Part of Calvary's Vision Statement is to grow disciples. This is a part of Calvary Preschool's Vision Statement as well. "To be a premier preschool recognized for empowering our students to be academic leaders and faithful disciples." On Thursday, April 6, at 6:00 pm we are inviting families to see what Calvary's preschool has to offer their child. There will be a short information session and a time to tour our facility and meet the preschool staff. If you, or someone you know, is interested but needs more information, please don't hesitate to contact Joan at 751-1893.



### PRESCHOOL MINISTRY UPDATE

March Focus—We have been working on the letters V & W and X. A veterinarian came to visit. We had fun with St. Patrick's Day on March 17! And the month of March is also fun with rhyming and Dr. Seuss activities! We tried our green eggs and ham and most of us liked them. We are learning the Easter story so we may share it with family and friends on April 20 & 21. All are invited to come and hear this wonderful news as told by our preschool children!

PLEASE SEE CALVARYBEMIDJI.ORG, HAPPENINGS (PG. 3), OR THE CALENDAR (PG. 4) FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES