

Calvary News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BEMIDJI | MAY 2017

2508 Washington Ave SE | Bemidji, MN | 218-751-1893 | calvarybemidji.org

Grace in Action Sunday

How did the story of Jesus, which unfolded so long ago and so far away from here, end up in Bemidji and in all parts of the globe? It happened because the good news was told to others, because people heard it and believed, because congregations passed it on in word and deed, because the Holy Spirit made it happen.

In 2017, when we have a fifth Sunday in a month, we are celebrating “Grace in Action,” in keeping with our theme for the year. On April 30 (and the following Wednesday, May 3), we witness God’s grace in action through a variety of statements of faith – or, to use the churchy word, evangelism (which just means spreading good news). At these worship services, we hear statements of faith from many different Calvary people, from kids to elders, each of whom has a unique story. This is evangelism; it doesn’t need to be preachy (in the negative sense of the word) or scary; it’s simply an honest sharing of the hope that we have from Jesus and how it makes a difference in our lives. God uses these ordinary statements of faith to spread the news of Easter to all the ends of the earth and into our hearts, too.

Come and hear Calvary kids, teens, parents, and grandparents share the news of Jesus! You can also go to our website to hear some of their faith statements.

In-House Faith in Action - May 21

Ready to eat a good lunch and get your hands dirty? On Sunday, May 21, you are invited to stick around (or come) after the 10:45 worship service (at around 11:45) to share a meal and then to be part of a faith in action work day, as we tackle some “in-house” Calvary projects. We’ll send a crew to the cemetery to spruce things up; we’ll prepare an outdoor space for summer worship; we’ll do some kitchen cleaning; and we’ll oil the pews in the sanctuary. With many hands, the work should go quickly and be fun. We plan to wrap the work time up by 2:30 or before, so you’ll have plenty of time left in your day.

To sign up, go to our webpage, click the “view all events” button on our homepage. From there, click our Faith in Action event to find a form to fill out. We also have a poster board near the entrance of the church available for sign up.

Grace in Action



TABLE OF CONTENTS

Intergenerational Painting Party..	2
Questions Like These?	2
Calvary Quilters	2
Happenings	3
Did You Know	3
Baccalaureate Celebration	3
Birthdays.....	3
Calendar	4
2017 Mission Trips.....	5
2nd Offering Partner	5
Americorps	5
Church Offerings	5
Financial Report	5
Pr. Andrew’s Wedding	6
Photo Directory.....	6
Calvary Rummage Sale.....	6
Preschool Corner.....	6

May newsletter deadline:
8 am, May 18, 2017

Please e-mail submissions to
communications@calvarybemidji.org
May be edited as space requires.

Visit our website at calvarybemidji.org to see what else is happening!

Grow • Give • Serve

Intergenerational Painting Party



On Monday, May 15 from 5:30-7:30 pm Calvary is hosting a painting party! This time we will have two people, one adult and one child, work on one canvas to make a one-of-a-kind masterpiece! The cost is \$50 for 2 people and includes a light kid-friendly supper, all the supplies and lots of laughter and fun!

BYO-Apron!

Sponsored in part by a Thrivent Action Team Grant.

Sign up and pay in the office! Limited to 25 pairs (50 people).

What are the Calvary Crafters Up To in May?

Temps are warming, the sun is brighter, and we are starting to enjoy spring and looking forward to another summer. The Crafters seem to enjoy their work year round and so we continue to pick away at our projects even in the lazy summer. We will be focusing on infant hats, receiving blankets, and baby blankets for our local hospital and chemo hats for the local oncology department. Yarn and supplies are always available in our craft closet at church. New members are always welcome. We will be discussing projects, our Prayer Shawl Ministry, winter options for our meetings, and of course, we will be socializing and welcoming many of our 'Snow Birds' back.

We are meeting twice in May: Monday, May 8 at 7:00 pm in the church craft room and Monday, May 22 at noon at Luekens Fireside. We plan on meeting once a month in the summer with the dates to be determined yet. Hopefully, we can squeeze in a picnic together.

The Calvary Crafter Ministry is proud to be making prayer shawls for anyone who needs comfort, infant hats and blankets for those in need at Sanford Hospital, prayer scarves for graduating Bemidji High School students from our congregation, chemo hats for those in our area who are undergoing treatments, and our Christmas hat/scarf/mitten drive to provide warm items for our shelters, schools and Churches United. See you in May!

For information call Cheryl at 444-9036 or Barb at 431-0464.

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 Nate.

HOW DO YOU PRAISE GOD?

Psalm 100:1-2

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
²Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Reading Psalm 100:1-2 and others like it, it appears that creation's primary purpose is to praise God and to enjoy being in relationship with Him! A life of meaning and purpose is a life of living in and for God through praising and glorifying Him. And how do we do that? Through having a relationship with God through faith in Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

As you come to the end of the Psalms, God does not want us to miss the priority of praise in life. Each of the last five psalms (146-150) begins and ends with the Hebrew word, "Hallelujah!" (Praise the Lord). It is like the grand finale of the best fireworks show that you have ever seen. Psalm 150 is the pinnacle, where we are exhorted 13 times in six short verses to praise the Lord.

Psalm 150 tells us -

- The where of praise: Everywhere (150:1)
- The why of praise: every act and attribute of God (150:2)
- The how of praise: with everything you've got (150:3-5)
- The who of praise: everything that breathes (150:6)

In case you're getting worried, no, we do not need special musical talents to praise God. Of course, praise can be expressed through singing and music, but it can also be expressed through testimony and thanksgiving, prayer, serving a neighbor, a smile or wave, or giving of our time and talents. We praise God each and every day with how we live our lives.

So, how do you praise and glorify God?



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-May Clint Mueller, Stephanie Fogarty, Amanda Bensen, Mathea Schmidt, Logan Strowbridge
02-May Betty Christ, Sonja Rowland, Tanya Hasbargen, Siri Bardwell, Everett Anderson, Paxton Whiting
03-May Donna Dremmel, Janelle Christensen, Kacey Malterud, Kameron Lundberg, Grady Workman
04-May John Wheeler, Aaron Engen, Jade Price, Evan Martens, Millie Olsen
05-May Darla Jackson, Lee Furuseth, Baret Williams-Furfaro, Chelsea Caron, Nolan Naegeli
06-May Dick Olson, Ginny Siverson, Janet Reiersen, Jarrod Thorson, Brooklyn Fenner
07-May Linda Knotts, Jane Furuseth, Amanda Fischer, Meghan Frenzel, Annika Moen, Alexis Jensen, Trevor Larson, Kendall LePier
08-May Don Braaten, Jim Russ, Kim Peterson, Ann Bardwell-Ross, Wyatt Grove, Evan Wild
09-May Dave Christensen, Orlee Porter, Bob Wahl, Rita Poulton, Chris Lahn, Sam Bock, Melissa Anderson, Aizlyn Goodwin
10-May Jennifer Folkert
11-May Beth Fleahman, Beth Warrick, Danielle Olson, Heather Anderson, Joshua Kelsey, Emily Meyer, Ella Zietz
12-May Wally Buegler, Tammy Hamilton, Carson Maish, Harley Ament
13-May Leslie Frosaker, Toby Berg, Dustin Koosmann, Grant Nelson, Noah Klinke, Henry Quinn
14-May Cindy Filipi, Patricia Mueller, Genelle Netland, Jamie Sander, Jesse Kjensmo, Camille Keckeisen, Darci Large, Josie Klinke
15-May Tammi Henrickson, Janna Carlson, Asher Kingery, Kari Williams, Austin Larson, Brittany Woehle, Brock Beaulieu, Kenner Gudmundson, Kyla Pearson, Gage Mostad, Boysen Olson, Noah Mannausau, Karlie Voss, Stella Andersen
16-May Don Miller, Kim Williams, Jody Severson, Doug Biggin, Scott Thompson, Ashley Jackson, James Palmer, Laura Palmer, Nicholas Palmer, Kinsley Olson
17-May Jim Wahl, Marit Lueth, Brady Moen, Brittany Grotberg, Ellen Fossand
18-May Jessica Hall, Brandon Supalla, Alex Swanson, James Siems, Greta Palmiscno, Sloane Palmiscno
19-May Arianna Hall, Ridge Flatness
20-May Marlene Clemens, Jo Ann Strand, Brock Nelson, Cael Knutson, Clara Sherwood, True Beyer, Charlie Bensen
21-May Kelli Lish, Heidi Seitz, Trevor Andrews, Zachary Sandberg, Madelyn Tews, Lily Krona, Joel Roberts, Lucas McKinnon
22-May Dennis Bollman, Noah Leinen, Abigail Bokovoy, Tanner Larson
23-May Mary Olson, Aaron Peterson, Sarah Olson, Kyle Hennem, Lindsey Webb, Emery Meyer, Colton Olsen, William Westover, Landon Ingle
24-May Miriam Bock, Jasmen Gudino, Rena Muller Hanks, Chad Thompson, Lily Heltzer
25-May Barbara Pierce, Joyce Way, Sue Engel, Lori Thompson, Todd Larson, Anna Fogarty, Jaxson Markert, Elena Kasper
26-May Bob Kobilka, Robert Lintemann, John Klinke, Danielle Gavlovsky, Tristan Larson, Zachary Wheatley, Jamie Anderson, Eddie Turk, Madisson Larson, Bo Brue
27-May Jerry Davis, Mary Froiland, Barb Bergquist, Sadie Hillman, Caden English, Charlotte Genkinger, Piper Fering
28-May Elaine Peterson, Mary Hickerson, Peggy Boyer, Erin Winkka, Megan Severson, Ryan Prestegard, Lauren Hillman, Landon Plantz, Brayden Anderson
29-May Scott Schoneck, Kayla Sundvall, Joshua Bitz, Ryan Hallik, Andrew Settle, Isabelle Settle, Nicolas Settle, Charles Sherwood
30-May Doug Oman, Krista Young, Kevin Turk, Regann Jensen, Brooke Hanson, Madison Rebeschke, Steven Jemtrud, Rachel Lewis, Michael Swenson, Truen Budrow
31-May Mike Lish, Cindy Lueth, Brian Truax, Casey Wytaske, Sara Moran, Kaitlin Murphy, Megan Phelps, Tyler Turn, Mataya Halvorson, Kyra Gilling, Faith Genkinger

DID YOU KNOW?

May Council Survey

Keep an eye on our e-news articles in the month of May to find out when our next Council Survey will be available.

Baccalaureate Celebration

On May 10 at our 6:30 pm worship service, we will be celebrating the milestone of our senior high youth graduating! We will hear from some seniors during the worship service, pray over them and their families and gift them with a handcrafted prayer shawl from our Calvary Quilters. Ice cream will be served after the worship service.

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, 3rd Tues. each month, 1:30 pm

HOPE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY at Calvary, 3rd Tues. each month, 9:30 am

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

JOHN EGGERS' ONLINE BIBLE STUDY Weekly on our website or via Enews.

DIVORCE CARE Thursdays 6:30 pm at Calvary. Begins September 21
Chip Holt (651-353-0029)

GRIEF SHARE Mondays, 3:00 pm at Evangelical Free Church. Begins May 9.
Tuesdays, 5:15 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)

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM Worship - Traditional 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Family Express: Camp Style Worship 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School for PreK-2nd Grade 10:45 AM Worship - Contemporary 2:00 PM Sons of Norway Meeting 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Zumba with Sarah Bendorf 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p>	<p>1 10:00 AM Mangold Circle (in members homes) 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just for Kix 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #662 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Christ Care Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Calvary Staff Retreat 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>3 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 11:15 AM Staff Worship 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Kingdom Kids 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kids Choir 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Calvary Alive Meal 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Strengthening Families (5th Gd) 6:30 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Youth CLUB 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team 4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix 5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 7:00 AM 8th Gd Statement of Faith Retreat at Camp Minnewakan 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball (private) 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>6 7:00 AM 8th Gd Statement of Faith Retreat at Camp Minnewakan 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Birthday Parties @ 2</p>
<p>7 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM Worship - Traditional 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Family Express: Camp Style Worship 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School for PreK-2nd Grade 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Wedding Shower for Meredith Mackinnon - Reception 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Zumba with Sarah Bendorf 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p>	<p>8 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just for Kix 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #662 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Christ Care Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Calvary Crafters</p>	<p>9 9:45 AM Preschool Chapel 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM Preschool Staff Meeting 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix 5:30 PM Grief Share at Calvary 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM DKG Choir Practice 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>10 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Healing the Racial Divide 9:45 AM Preschool Chapel 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 11:15 AM Staff Worship 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Kingdom Kids 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kids Choir 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Calvary Alive Meal 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Strengthening Families (5th Gd) 6:30 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Family Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Youth CLUB 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>11 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM PS Muffins for Moms 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Healing the Racial Divide 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team 4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix 5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM PS Muffins for Moms 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball (private) 4:45 PM - 8:30 PM Just for Kix Show Rehearsal 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>13 8:00 AM Kangoo Jumps with Leah 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Baby Shower</p>
<p>14 Mother's Day 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM Worship - Traditional 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Family Express: Camp Style Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Celebration 10:45 AM Worship - Contemporary 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Zumba with Sarah Bendorf 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p>	<p>15 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #662 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Intergenerational Painting Party! 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Christ Care Bible Study 7:30 PM Boy Scouts-Outside</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Hope Circle 1:30 PM Martha Circle 5:30 PM Grief Share at Calvary 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>17 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 11:15 AM Staff Worship 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Church Council 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Calvary Spring Rummage Sale Drop-off 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Calvary Alive Meal 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Strengthening Families (5th Gd) 6:30 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Family Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Youth CLUB 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>18 May Directory Photo Sessions: 5/18-21 8:00 AM Newsletter Deadline 7:30 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Staff Directory Photos 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Directory Photo Session 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Calvary Spring Rummage Sale Set-up & Drop-off 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Directory Photo Session 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM NO Friday Men's Basketball (private) 12:00 PM 50's Decade Group - Lunch at Giovanni's Pizza 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Calvary Spring Rummage Sale Set-up 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Staff Directory Photos 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Calvary Spring Rummage Sale 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>20 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Calvary Spring Rummage Sale 8:00 AM Kangoo Jumps with Leah 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Directory Photo Session 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Rummage Sale - Bag Sale</p>
<p>21 In-Reach Faith in Action Day No Sunday School please attend 9:30 worship 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM Worship - Traditional 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Family Express: Camp Style Worship 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship - Contemporary 12:15 PM - 2:15 PM In-Reach Faith Action Work Projects 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Directory Photo Session 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Zumba with Sarah Bendorf 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p>	<p>22 12:00 PM Calvary Crafters at Lueken's North - fireside area 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #662 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Christ Care Bible Study 6:45 PM American Swedish Institute Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>23 5:30 PM Grief Share at Calvary 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>24 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 11:15 AM Staff Worship 5:30 PM No Calvary Alive Meal 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Strengthening Families (5th Gd) 6:30 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship 7:15 PM - 7:15 PM 8th Gd Statement of Faith Meeting 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Youth CLUB 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>25 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM Preschool Graduation</p>	<p>26 Americorps ARRIVAL DAY Americorps Housing 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball (private) 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>27 Americorps Housing</p>
<p>28 Americorps Housing Summer Worship Times Start Today! 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Summer Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM Worship</p>	<p>29 Americorps Housing Memorial Day</p>	<p>30 Americorps Housing GYM CLOSED for MAINTENANCE 5:30 PM Grief Share at Calvary 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>31 Americorps Housing GYM CLOSED for MAINTENANCE 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 6:30 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship 7:30 PM Youth CLUB 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>1 Americorps Housing GYM CLOSED for MAINTENANCE</p>	<p>2 Americorps Housing GYM CLOSED for MAINTENANCE 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM NO Friday Men's Basketball (private) 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>3 Americorps Housing GYM CLOSED for MAINTENANCE</p>

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR : If you are aware of an event that should go in the Calvary calendar, please contact Polly at pmerhar@calvaryhemicjji.org by the newsletter deadline.

Giving of Ourselves

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 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP:
The Jamaica Mission Trip will be March 3-10, 2018. Please speak with Pastor Nate for more information.

Summer Worship

From May 28 – September 3, we will have two Sunday morning worship services, at 8:15 and 9:30 am

The two services will be identical every week and from week to week will rotate between traditional and contemporary worship styles.

Wednesday evening worship continues through the summer at 6:30 pm Beginning June 7, we will worship outside (weather-permitting) on the south side of the building.

For most of these summer Wednesdays, we'll get to hear statements of faith from our confirmation students who are entering 9th grade.

Using a Credit Card for Church Offering

It is hard to break ingrained habits like writing a check to church for my offering. I barely write any checks these days but until a month ago I was still writing a check each month to Calvary Lutheran Church for my monthly commitment. I decided to change the way I give to Calvary because I have a son and his family living in Sweden, a son living in San Francisco and a sister living in Hawaii. It is expensive to fly to these places to visit those I love so I use a credit card for most purchases in order to build up points to cash in for airline tickets. Why not have my church giving add to my point balance? I decided to sign up to have my credit card charged automatically each month through the Calvary Lutheran Church website. (I chose to pay the transaction fee each month so that 100% of my offering goes to the work of the church.) I now reap the benefit of accruing points to be used to travel (to see my Swedish granddaughter for example) while giving to Calvary Lutheran Church regularly.

-Leonore Potter



2ND OFFERING MINISTRY PARTNER - LUTHERAN LEADERS



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!

This month, our second offering will support Calvary young adults studying at our ELCA colleges, and it will also support new church leaders in our seminaries and synod. The money we gather will be divided between two funds. First, many of our 28 ELCA colleges have church scholarship programs that match money given by students' churches. At least five Calvary young adults will be attending ELCA colleges this fall. Second, our regional church area, the NW MN Synod, has a Fund for Leaders Endowment that helps with seminary costs. This is a vital fund that will raise up and support the next generation of pastors and other church leaders in our area and country.

Partnership is more than money! Please pray for our colleges and seminaries, for students currently studying, and for those who might be called to become pastors. If you know people with gifts for ministry, tell them what you see and encourage them to consider serving in the church.

While we will take a second offering one Sunday per month (May 14), 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.

Americorps Team in Calvary

We are once again hosting an Americorps team here at Calvary. This year, the team will be working at the Bemidji Food Shelf & Service Center.

They will only be here for one month, arriving on May 26.



FINANCIAL REPORT

March	Income	Expenses
General Fund	\$71,595.....	\$91,894
Y-T-D.....	\$185,731.....	\$208,459
Preschool	\$27,568.....	\$42,724
Y-T-D.....	\$245,864.....	\$252,747
<i>Gen. Fund is Jan.-Dec.; Preschool is July-June</i>		
Cash & Receivables		\$150,998
Ministry Partners: Bemidji Food Shelf... \$3,034		
Calvary Foundation Balance:\$33,528		
Capital Appeal: THE BRIDGE		
Received in March.....		\$14,208
Received to the pledge so far.....		\$620,342
Pledged to date		\$830,015
Households pledged to date.....		212

To give online go to the giving page on calvarybemidji.org!



Meredith & Pastor Andrew's Wedding

The whole Calvary community is invited to the wedding of Pr. Andrew and Meredith Mackinnon, held at Calvary on Saturday, June 17, at 4:00 pm, with a social hour and buffet meal to follow at the church. Please RSVP by June 1 by signing up in the church office or by emailing Pr. Andrew at revronnevik@calvarybemidji.org. Make sure to indicate the number of people who will join us for the meal.



No gifts please. If you would like to bless us with a handwritten note with life and marriage advice, we would cherish that for years to come. Aside from this, our greatest hope is for the honor of your presence and the opportunity to celebrate this special occasion with you.

Our Calvary Rummage Sale Returns!

Be sure to get all of your spring cleaning done in time for Calvary's Rummage Sale!

The sale will occur Friday, May 19 from 5:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, May 20 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm. We will wrap up the sale with a \$1 Bag Sale on Saturday from 1:00-2:00 pm.

We will be accepting donations Wednesday, May 17 from 5:00-8:00 pm and Thursday, May 18 from 9:00 am-8:00 pm. You can drop your donations off in our gym. If you need help transporting large items, contact: Randy Frisk - 218-766-2711.

Volunteers Needed:

- Wednesday, May 17
4:00-8:00 pm
- Thursday, May 18
5:00-8:00 pm
- Friday, May 19
2:00-8:00 pm
- Saturday, May 20
7:00 am-3:00 pm

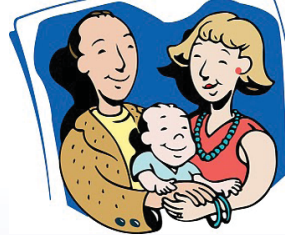


Sign up on the poster board in front of our office!

It is 2017 Calvary Photo Directory Time!

It is time again to get all our households included in our photo directory! We will have three rounds of photo sessions available to you, one in May, one in June and the third in August. Please book early so we can meet our goal of at least 300 households included.

Church Photo Directory



Click this event on the Calvary website home page for more details about incentives and available dates and times. For now, take note that the first round of photography sessions will be available May 18-21!

Be sure to get on our picture schedule by signing up on the poster board in the front of the church!

OUR MAY PICTURE DATES:

Thursday, May 18.....	4:00-8:00 pm
Friday, May 19.....	4:00-8:00 pm
Saturday, May 20.....	9:00-3:00 pm
Sunday, May 21.....	11:00-7:00 pm

PRESCHOOL CORNER

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY UPDATE

We are finishing up with the rest of our alphabet; Y, Z & S. We are working on More/Less/Equal which is often a challenge for a concrete thinker.

Our faith lesson is learning about the Easter story that we shared at our programs. April and May are also the months we have tornado drills for our children. Just like our fire drills, we practice the "what would we do if...?" Our caterpillars have arrived so observation can begin on their metamorphosis to butterflies!

Summer Programming/Child Care begins June 5 and ends August 25. If you are interested in having your child or children here this summer, please fill out a summer registration form. They are on the counter in the preschool entrance area. Cost is \$26.00 per day, 7:30 am—5:30 pm with a sack lunch from home.



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