

# Calvary News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BEMIDJI | NOVEMBER 2017

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## November Is the Month to Give Thanks!

### WE GIVE THANKS AS A CHURCH IN MANY WAYS:

*Through worship...* I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. *Psalm 9:1*

*Through prayer...* For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer. *1 Timothy 4:4-5*

*Through our offerings...* You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us. *2 Corinthians 9:11*

*Through service...* And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *Colossians 3:17*

We are the church in the world! Let's show how thankful we are this month by practicing giving thanks in all we say and do.

### WE GIVE THANKS TO RUSS & MARLENE SLETTEN

We have the opportunity to thank Russ & Marlene Sletten for their many years of service to the Lord through Calvary Lutheran Church. Join us as we honor them and bless them into retirement on Sunday, November 12 at the 8:15 AM worship service. Following our 8:15 AM service, we will move into the fellowship hall for a time of celebration with coffee, food, & conversation. You are encouraged to bring your own cards of thanks.

### COMMUNITY MEAL

All are welcome and invited to the free Community Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by 1st Lutheran Church. Serving will be from 12:00-1:30 pm.

#### Community Meal Committee Members Needed

If you are interested in being a part of this great effort, contact Kathy Luepke at 218-556-3364.



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*December newsletter deadline:*  
**8 am, Nov. 16 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 else is happening!*

# Grow • Give • Serve

## *Home Stretch for Our Bridge Capital Appeal!*

It's the final countdown! Six months to go until The Bridge Capital Appeal is wrapped up!

On behalf of The Bridge Capital Appeal team, we want to say a word of thanks to everyone who has been a part of this amazing transformation that has happened through this appeal. Not only has our building transformed, so has our mortgage! But the best transformation has been in the lives of God's people here. Many have said, "We have learned to live without the money we gave to the Bridge, so after the appeal, we will continue to give the same amount." "Calvary has blessed us and giving back to God through Calvary was returning the blessing. This appeal has stretched us to give more but still live comfortably so we plan to keep giving when we can." It's true, without this capital appeal, we wouldn't have discovered how abundant God's blessings are to us and through us. So, thank you for your faithful giving to the glory of God!

Financial statements were emailed out last month. Your Bridge pledges were included in that statement. Please double check that we have accurate information. Know that if you have given to The Bridge and did not fill out the pledge card, your donations will still count toward our 85% participation goal.

Finally, "Save the Date" for Sunday, April 29, 2018 when we will gather this time at Bemidji State University for one worship service and a brunch to mark the end of this capital appeal. Come and celebrate as one church the many gifts God has blessed us with. Hope to see you all there!



Calvary Lutheran Church Blood Drive  
Thursday, November 16

2:00-5:00 pm

Schedule an appointment online at [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org)  
and enter Sponsor Code: 3785  
or contact Calvary Lutheran Church at 218-751-1893

## *Calvary Leadership*

2018 will bring some changes to our leadership structure and financial reporting. Your council leaders have decided to move forward in changing our fiscal year from a calendar year to a July - June fiscal year to better reflect our mission and ministry. With this change, we will also be changing the terms of our elected leaders (Council, financial review and foundation ministry teams.) We will also need to move our annual meeting month. (We will need two congregational meetings in 2018.) If you are interested in serving as a council leader, please review our [Council Responsibilities and Expectations](#) document and be in touch with Pastor Genelle.

You may also find this document on our website by clicking on Council under the About tab.

## *All Saints' Taize Service*

Come for a quiet, peaceful worship service on Sunday evening, November 5, at 7 p.m. in the Calvary sanctuary. We will sing meditative songs, hear Scripture read in various languages, and rest in the gift of silent prayer. We call it "Taize" because we use music from the Taize community in France; and this service is called "All Saints" because it lines up with the church festival when we remember those who have died in the Lord. Come to worship and be renewed!

## *Advent Centering Prayer*

Calvary will be hosting 4 sessions of centering prayer during the season of Advent. We'll meet on the four Wednesdays of the season – Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18 – at 4 p.m. We'll meet in room 1, the room with blue couches, next to the bathrooms and accessed through the fellowship hall. Centering prayer is a form of silent prayer. When we gather, we'll visit for a few minutes, light a candle, read a verse of Scripture, sit in prayerful silence for 20 minutes, and end with the Lord's Prayer. This is an open group, so all are welcome.

# 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-Nov Denise Fricke, Ed Risberg, Alicia Senenfelder, Mike Smith, Eli Hoffmann, Evelyn Skoog
- 02-Nov Robert Strand, John Chattin, Michele Schaefer, Kristina Engen, Casey Donat, Sara Sant, Janel Olson, Allie Lish
- 03-Nov Gene Bakke, Donna McAllister, Randy Hovet, Ann Hadrava, Missy Hoyum, Samuel Carlson
- 04-Nov Donald LaVoy, Warren Schulze, Alyssa Stenson
- 05-Nov Dean Frost, Bryan Anderson, Erin Petrowske, Brittany Story, Colten Jensen, James Pearson, Collin Schaefer, Addisyn Carlson, Paisley Workman
- 06-Nov Pat Terrill, Mike Stevens, Cindy Miller, Elliot Leinen, Amber Solheim, Jacob Broom, Daniel Wilson
- 07-Nov Mark Frosaker, Andrew Holman, Katie Evje, Tristan Strowbridge
- 08-Nov Judy Westerman, Cindy Wiegele, Susan Supalla, Lori Hildenbrand, Dawson Hoyum, Sydney White
- 09-Nov Gwen Bailey, Cynthia Schulze, Brielle Fischer
- 10-Nov Sandy Hennum, Daniel Alto, Rachael Holm,
- 11-Nov Sarah Starkey, Michael Paulson, Jeremy Olson, Stephanie Hanks, Stacy Rohde, Matthew Gish, AJ Olson
- 12-Nov Tom Lillo, Tamara Mason, Ryan Binstock, Pete Strowbridge, Chase Caron, Lanah Schulke, Jack Borgen, Gavin Brown, Maddie Hennum, Weston Holte
- 13-Nov Lorene Blank
- 14-Nov Ruth Soukup, Patty Hendricks, Candi Boen, Bethany Wesley, Casey George, Heather Harrom, Margaret Snyder, J.D. Kondos, Alex Schaefer, Teegan Dykstra
- 15-Nov Carolyn Bratlien, Sue Vojak, Diane Bachmann, Jim Moen, Karla Fossand, Dina Lee, Melissa Meyer, Ethan Biggin
- 16-Nov Audrey Smith, Gregory Ward, Tony Hommes, Kati Parker, Tove Paulson, Emma Hughes
- 17-Nov John Carlson, Craig Henrickson, Britney Muller, Nicole Stevens
- 18-Nov Terri Bentler, Jeffrey Kemp, Alex Hanson
- 19-Nov Benjamin Holter, Dalton Gjovik
- 20-Nov Derek Stevens
- 21-Nov Chris Fettig, Tim Nelsen, Casey Reierson, Nicholas Vojak, Ashley Johansson
- 22-Nov Gary Sorenson
- 23-Nov Jennifer Erickson
- 24-Nov Jackie Miller, William Underbakke, Diane Breen Ohl, Frank Kelsey, Julie Larson, Steve Grove, Mitch Rautio, Kelly Zellmann
- 25-Nov Dennis Thompson, Penny Riewer, Adrienne Eickman, Hannah Nelson
- 26-Nov Jennifer Jacobson, Matthew Pelton, Samantha Hansen, Thomas Luebben, Samuel Kircher
- 27-Nov Amanda Skjonsby, Anna Fullerton, Claire Thole
- 28-Nov Rick Olson, Kyle Timms, Annette Olson, Matthew Rautio
- 29-Nov Carol Wynne, Don Dehart, Missi Bahr, Jess Moen, Reece Mostad
- 30-Nov Jamie Muller, Brenda Solheim, Ross Roetman, Levi Heath, Sydney Hinrichs, Laura Bieberdorf, Kasen George, Bryton Summers

## DID YOU KNOW?

### GROWING YOUNG & PROPERTY

Over the past months we have presented the congregation with two different surveys. The first was presented in order to give us a better understanding of what needs to be done in order to draw God's children, of all ages, into our church for many years to come.

Our second survey was in regard to the wonderful property that Calvary currently rests on. We presented this survey in order to gain congregational insight into our current property as well as gather thoughts about potential future property projects.

If you have not yet filled out these surveys, please take a few minutes to do so soon.

#### CALVARY'S YOUTH SURVEY:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/NF2KZZF](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NF2KZZF)

#### CALVARY'S PROPERTY SURVEY:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/SKKR6MB](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SKKR6MB)

## HAPPENINGS

### MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

Southside Restaurant, Weds., 6:30 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, 10:00 am. Contact Linda Arnold (759-9702)

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

10:00 am in Calvary's Lounge.

### JOHN EGGERS' ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Weekly on our website or via Enews.

### GRIEF SHARE

Tuesdays, 5:45-7:45 pm

Sept 12-Dec 5 Tuesdays at Calvary

### ZUMBA CLASS

at Calvary, 12:15 pm

most Sundays. sarahbendorf.zumba.com

### MARTIAL ARTS

at Calvary, 7:00 pm

most Sundays

Northwinds Martial Arts (218-333-3806)

### QUILTERS

at Calvary, 9:00 am weekly

in the Quilting Room, room #4

### CRAFTERS

at Calvary, 7:00 pm the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday of every month. At Lueken's

Fireside, Noon 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, of every

month; Cheryl - 444-9036

NOV. DATES: Night Group - Monday,

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. - church craft room.

Day Group Tuesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon

craft room. Bring a bag lunch.



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| <p>29<br/>Reformation Sunday<br/>8:15 AM - 9:15 AM <b>Worship - Traditional</b><br/>9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship<br/>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation<br/>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM <b>Calvary Express Worship - 5th Grade</b><br/><b>First Communion</b><br/>9:30 AM <i>No Sunday School - Families please attend 9:30am worship service</i><br/>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM <b>Worship - Contemporary</b><br/>12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Zumba by Sarah<br/>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p> | <p>30<br/>4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just for Kix<br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Christ Care Bible Study<br/>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>   | <p>31<br/>Reformation Day<br/>5:45 PM - 7:45 PM Grief Share at Calvary<br/>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>   | <p>1<br/>All Saints Day<br/>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/>10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study<br/>11:15 AM Wednesday Staff Worship<br/>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Kingdom Kids Session 1<br/>5:00 PM Kidz Choir Rehearsal<br/>5:30 PM - 6:15 PM <b>Calvary Alive</b> Meal<br/>5:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal<br/>6:30 PM <b>Calvary Alive</b><br/>7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:30 PM Confirmation<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>  | <p>2<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team<br/>4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice</p>   | <p>3<br/>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball (private)<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>  | <p>4<br/>8:00 AM Kangoo Dance/Power Class with Bemidji Bounce<br/>6:00 PM - 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>                   |
| <p>5<br/>Daylight-Saving Time Ends<br/>8:15 AM - 9:15 AM <b>Worship - Traditional</b><br/>9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship<br/>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation<br/>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM <b>Calvary Express Worship</b><br/>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Sunday School for PreK-2nd Grade<br/>12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Zumba by Sarah<br/>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts<br/>7:00 PM <b>Taize Worship</b></p>  | <p>6<br/>10:00 AM Marigold Circle (in members homes)<br/>4:30 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Christ Care Bible Study<br/>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>  | <p>7<br/>9:45 AM - 10:00 AM Preschool Chapel<br/>5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>5:45 PM - 7:45 PM Grief Share at Calvary<br/>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>                       | <p>8<br/>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/>9:45 AM - 10:00 AM Preschool Chapel<br/>11:15 AM Wednesday Staff Worship<br/>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Kingdom Kids Session 1<br/>4:00 PM Preschool Evening Conferences<br/>5:00 PM Kidz Choir Rehearsal<br/>5:30 PM - 6:15 PM <b>Calvary Alive</b> Meal<br/>5:30 PM Calvary Foundation Meeting<br/>5:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal<br/>6:30 PM <b>Calvary Alive</b><br/>7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:30 PM Confirmation<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p> | <p>9<br/>No Preschool - Yes Childcare<br/>8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Preschool Conferences<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team<br/>4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts Round Table</p>  | <p>10<br/>No Preschool - Yes Childcare<br/>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball (private)<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>  | <p>11<br/>Veterans Day<br/>8:00 AM Kangoo Dance/Power Class with Bemidji Bounce<br/>6:00 PM - 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p> |
| <p>12<br/>8:15 AM - 9:15 AM <b>Worship - Traditional</b><br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Coffee Fellowship - In Honor of the Retirement of Russ &amp; Marlene Statten<br/>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation<br/>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM <b>Calvary Express Worship</b><br/>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Sunday School for PreK-2nd Grade<br/>12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Zumba by Sarah<br/>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p>   | <p>13<br/>4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just for Kix<br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Christ Care Bible Study<br/>7:00 PM Boy Scouts<br/>7:00 PM Calvary Crafters meet at Calvary</p>  | <p>14<br/>3:45 PM - 4:45 PM Preschool Staff Meeting<br/>5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>5:45 PM - 7:45 PM Grief Share at Calvary<br/>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>                | <p>15<br/>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/>10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study<br/>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Kingdom Kids Session 1<br/>4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Church Council<br/>5:00 PM Kidz Choir Rehearsal<br/>5:30 PM - 6:15 PM <b>Calvary Alive</b> Meal<br/>5:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal<br/>6:30 PM <b>Calvary Alive</b><br/>7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:30 PM Confirmation<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>  | <p>16<br/>8:00 AM <b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team<br/>4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice<br/>7:00 PM Sons of Norway Meeting<br/>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays</p> | <p>17<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Building Resilience for Children at Risk<br/>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball (private)<br/>12:00 PM 50's Decade Group - Lunch at Giovanni's Pizzeria<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p> | <p>18<br/>8:00 AM Kangoo Dance/Power Class with Bemidji Bounce</p>  |
| <p>19<br/>8:15 AM - 9:15 AM <b>Worship - Traditional</b><br/>9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship<br/>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation<br/>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM <b>Calvary Express Worship</b><br/>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Sunday School for PreK-2nd Grade<br/>12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Zumba by Sarah<br/>1:00 PM Sons of Norway Meeting<br/>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM GriefShare Surviving the Holidays<br/>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p>   | <p>20<br/>4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just for Kix<br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Christ Care Bible Study<br/>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>   | <p>21<br/>9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Hope Circle<br/>1:30 PM Martha Circle<br/>5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>5:45 PM - 7:45 PM Grief Share at Calvary<br/>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p>22<br/>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/>10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study<br/>11:15 AM Wednesday Staff Worship<br/>5:00 PM No Confirmation, Kingdom Kids, Kids &amp; Youth Choirs, and no meal<br/>7:30 PM <b>No Youth CLUB</b><br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>   | <p>23<br/>No Preschool - No Childcare<br/>OFFICE CLOSED<br/><b>Thanksgiving Day</b></p>  | <p>24<br/>Carlson/Campbell Wedding Rehearsal<br/>No Preschool - No Childcare<br/>OFFICE CLOSED<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>   | <p>25<br/>Carlson/Campbell Wedding<br/>8:00 AM Kangoo Dance/Power Class with Bemidji Bounce</p>                                 |
| <p>26<br/>Baptismal Festival<br/>8:15 AM - 9:15 AM <b>Worship - Traditional</b><br/>9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship<br/>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Faith Formation<br/>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM <b>Calvary Express Worship</b><br/>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Sunday School for PreK-2nd Grade<br/>12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Zumba by Sarah<br/>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM GriefShare Surviving the Holidays</p>  | <p>27<br/>12:00 PM Calvary Crafters at Luekens North Fireside Room<br/>4:00 PM Centering Prayer<br/>4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just for Kix<br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Christ Care Bible Study<br/>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p> | <p>28<br/>5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>5:45 PM - 7:45 PM Grief Share at Calvary<br/>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>  | <p>29<br/>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/>10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study<br/>11:15 AM Wednesday Staff Worship<br/>5:00 PM Kidz Choir Rehearsal<br/>5:30 PM - 6:15 PM <b>Calvary Alive</b> Meal<br/>5:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal<br/>6:30 PM <b>Calvary Alive</b><br/>7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:30 PM Confirmation<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>   | <p>30<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team<br/>4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Calvary's Luterisk Dinner<br/>4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Bake Sale during Luterisk Dinner<br/>4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>7:00 PM Praise Team Practice</p>                                 | <p>1<br/>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball (private)<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>  | <p>2<br/>8:00 AM Kangoo Dance/Power Class with Bemidji Bounce</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@calvarybemidji.org](mailto:pmerhar@calvarybemidji.org) by the newsletter deadline.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERING MINISTRY PARTNER - LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



**Lutheran World Relief**  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Second offering (November 12) - In November we partner with Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Pastor Dave Wangaard will be our guest preacher on the second Sunday of the month so we can learn more. LWR "is a non-profit organization that works with local partners to provide lasting solutions to poverty, injustice and human suffering" (from www.lwr.org). In 2016, they served almost 3.5 million people through 118 projects in 32 different countries. It is difficult for us to personally travel to a disaster site to help, but LWR can do this for us. For this, Calvary is grateful to partner with them this month.

Partnership is more than money! Our Calvary quilters make quilts on Thursday mornings from 9-12, many of which are distributed through LWR. Come and join them! Another group of Calvary folks puts together hygiene and other care kits, which are also shared through LWR. Contact Betty Port to find out when this group will be gathering to work. We will be packaging personal care kits at the 9:30 worship service with Pr. Dave. Please bring your care kit items: cloth, soap, and nail clippers.

While we will take a second offering one Sunday per month (November 12), 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.

## Calvary Cemetery Plot Price Increase

Cemetery plots will increase in price on January 1, 2018. The new price will be \$400 for the first burial and \$200 for the second burial on the same plot. The prices have not been changed since 2001 and those prices are still in effect until the end of 2017 (\$250 for members, \$350 for non-members for the first burial and half of that for the second on the same plot). See Polly in the church office to purchase a plot at the Calvary Cemetery.

## Calvary Leaders Proactively Respond to Water Discovery

Calvary was randomly selected to be part of a statewide two year "viruses in groundwater" study by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). First and second year results have been received. The results for Calvary showed a presence of different microbes in the water at various times during both years of the testing period. Researchers do not know if the microbes discovered can cause illness.

Even though the results of the study are inconclusive, the church council and staff of Calvary have opted to be proactive in response to the ongoing research, and we have developed a plan to ensure that the drinking water at our facility is safe and healthy. We have applied to the MDH for a grant to help cover the cost of a new well that will be located further away from potential sources of contamination and uphill from driveway runoff. The new well should be completed in May 2018. In the meantime, we will install two reverse osmosis (RO) systems; RO is one of the drinking water solutions recommended by MDH. One system will be installed to service the water fountains in the rear of the building. One will be installed in the kitchen and service the front water fountains, the sink by the small coffee maker, the ice machine and be available for general kitchen use. All drinking water should come from one of these sources until the new well is complete.

We are glad that our Calvary building is a gathering place for church members, preschoolers, and many other people from our community, and we're committed to working for the spiritual and physical health of all those who come through our doors. The water study gives us a good opportunity to be proactive in our care for one another. We're grateful that we're in a position to respond, and we're confident that we have a good plan for moving forward. Use the link below to see the entire article and to access all the links to more information about the virus study. Please be in touch with Pr. Genelle, Polly Merhar or President Nancy Schram if you have any questions or concerns.

You may read the document in its entirety on our website, or by [clicking here](#).

## November Calvary Alive Meals:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Grilled Chicken Sandwiches
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Grilled Chicken Sandwiches
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – No Meal – Happy Thanksgiving!
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Night!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

| September                | Income         | Expenses  |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| <b>General Fund</b> .... | \$61,863.....  | \$88,665  |
| <b>Y-T-D</b> .....       | \$544,771..... | \$595,650 |
| <b>Preschool</b> .....   | \$70,964.....  | \$34,319  |
| <b>Y-T-D</b> .....       | \$96,644.....  | \$70,713  |

*Gen. Fund is Jan.-Dec.; Preschool is July-June*

**Cash & Receivables** ..... \$169,620

### September Ministry Partner:

The Bridge: ..... \$1,343

**Calvary Foundation Balance:** ..... \$34,125

### Capital Appeal: THE BRIDGE

Received in September... .. \$9,824  
 Received to the pledge so far..... \$712,224  
 Pledged to date ..... \$833,515  
 Households pledged to date..... 220

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



## *Support the Salvation Army, Be a Bell Ringer This Holiday Season!*

Once again, Calvary is coordinating the bell-ringing this holiday season at Lueken's South! We are looking for volunteers willing to ring a joyful bell for a good cause again this year. We are scheduled to begin our work near Thanksgiving and will carry on our work through Christmas.

If you are willing to be part of this great effort, please, sign up today! You may do so by contacting Glen Anderson at 444-8620.

## *Luther Movie Night at Calvary*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.**

The whole Calvary community is invited to gather on Wednesday evening, November 1, as part of our Reformation 500th anniversary commemoration. We'll gather with one another in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm for a short prayer service, followed by the new Luther movie, "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World," which has been shown recently on PBS and at our local movie theater.

The movie is free, and RSVPs are not needed. Confirmation students and their families are expected to attend, as this is one of our family nights. The movie will be finished by 8:30 pm. Come and learn more about this brother in faith. Martin Luther, a brave sinner whom God used half a millennium ago to bring the church back to Scripture and the grace of God through Jesus!

## *Decorating our church for Christmas*

Sunday, Nov. 26. There will be a chili potluck right after the 10:45 service (bring something to complement chili), followed by transforming our church for the Advent/Christmas season. Many hands make light work. NEW PARTICIPANTS WELCOME!

## *Calvary's Lutefisk & Meatball Supper*

Calvary is planning its annual Lutefisk and Meatball Supper for Thursday, November 30, one week after Thanksgiving. Consider the many volunteer opportunities to become a part of this special community event, and/or provide pies or items used for the meal. Sign-up sheets and tickets are available in the office!

  


Discover ways to handle social events and holiday traditions while grieving or healing from divorce or separation.

**DIVORCE CARE SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**  
November 16, 2017 - 7:30-9:30 pm  
December 14, 2017 - 7:30-9:30 pm

**GRIEF SHARE SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**  
November 19, 2017 - 3:00-5:00 pm  
December 17, 2017 - 3:00-5:00 pm

To register, call or email:  
**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
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(218)751-1893  
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## *Charitable IRA Distribution*

As we enter fall, for many of us it soon will be time to review our end of the year charitable giving and get ready for tax time! Our members have been very generous in their support of Calvary's mission. The IRS makes it easier and more advantageous for many to donate from an IRA if you are 70 1/2 or older.

A qualified charitable distribution can be a win-win for both the donor and the organization. For more information, please contact your financial advisor. A sample request form can be found in the documents section of our website, or by clicking [this link](#).

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