

Calvary News

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Come Celebrate the Ordination of Megan Casper

*Friday, August 3 at 2:00 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church,
Bemidji.*

(Clergy may robe and wear a red stole!)

Grace and peace to you from God, our Loving Creator and our Savior Jesus! My name is Megan Casper and I've been called to serve at the Lutheran Church of the Cross in West Fargo, ND. For those of you that don't know, Pr. Genelle was my candidacy mentor while I was in seminary. I am originally from Bemidji, Minnesota. I attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN from 2009-2013 where I double majored in Elementary Education and Religion. In 2012, I studied abroad at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong where I met my husband, Tee. In 2013, shortly after graduating from Concordia, I began my Seminary studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. In 2014, after a long immigration journey, my beloved Tee joined me in the US and we married on November 1st. Our son, Saya, joined us on February 16th, 2018.

My areas of focus in Seminary were children's ministry, social justice activism, interfaith studies (particularly focusing on Asian religions and Islam), and pastoral care. In my free time, I enjoy gardening, learning Khmer, making dumplings, crossword puzzles, the Muppets, and making my little one laugh.

I would be so honored to have any of you come out for my ordination on August 3rd, at 2pm, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bemidji. The color of the day will be Red! We will also be baptizing my little one during the service. Pr. Genelle will be preaching and Bishop Terry Brandt will be presiding.



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*September newsletter deadline:
8 am, August 21, 2018*

*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!

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2018 Summer Recital Series

WEDNESDAYS, NOON-12:30PM, NOW THROUGH AUGUST 29

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians' recitals are back! Make sure that your schedule is cleared every Wednesday from noon-12:30 through August 29 so you can come hear some great music! Each show will be followed by a luncheon. You may purchase luncheon tickets at the door of each event. [Click this link](#), or check our enews and announcement slides for the coming week's venue.

Calvary will host this event on August 15, 2018 featuring our very own Jenn (Paquette) Ellis! Plan to come as she shares her beautiful music, featuring piano and folk harp.

RECITAL SERIES

Mission Trip Sunday

Throughout my Christian walk I have struggled with having a real and living relationship with God. In the past year or so in particular I have really struggled internally with my faith. I have been searching for something to cling to. When I first heard about the mission trip I brushed it off, but then two weeks prior to the trip something shifted in my heart. I literally had absolutely no clue on what to expect but I was feeling a calling from God. So the mission trip began and I felt immediately welcomed and accepted... Every single day and night I could feel God getting closer and closer. Then came Thursday. At some point in the evening I began to think about God's love and, specifically, His love for me. I realized and experienced God's love, grace, and mercy through a whole new lens... And it has changed my life.

- High School Mission Trip Participant



KIDZ CHOIR (2nd through 5th grade) will start up again on Wednesday, September 12 at 5:00 pm. We will rehearse most Wednesdays (except when there is no Kingdom Kids) from 5-5:30pm in the choir room. Please contact Shar Paquette (spaquette@calvarybemidji.org) if interested.

Like to sing? Come Join our Calvary Choir!

NEW VOICES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Calvary's Choir has their fall kick-off potluck scheduled for Sunday, September 9 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday from 7:15-8:30 pm, starting on September 12. The choir usually sings 2 Sundays per month, alternating between the 8:15 and 10:45 services.

Whether you're a fantastic vocalist or you consider yourself a shower singer, if you enjoy singing, this is the place for you!

Contact us in the office for more information.

Worship Banners

We are cleaning out our worship banners and have many on display in our fellowship hall and lounge in the month of August. These banners may be taken for a free will offering. If there is one that speaks to you, you may help yourself and give a donation in the church office. New banners will be purchased over the next few years. If you would like to purchase a banner for the church to use, please contact Shar.

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-Aug Shannon Alto, Stephanie Sandberg, Ray Wesley, Paige Haugen
02-Aug Barry Yocom, Seth Passa, Sydney Breyen
03-Aug John Noraas, Matt Ireland, Becca Sanford, Ben Kircher, Gavin Eickman, Theodore Andersen
04-Aug Brenda Culbertson, Sheldon Olson, Celisha Olson
05-Aug Wes Kinneberg, Isaac Klinke, Kaden Lucas
06-Aug Joy Wheeler, Cameron Boen, Ethan Henrickson
07-Aug Ray Gavlovsky, Jason Brodina, Alicia Erickson
08-Aug Russell DeVries, Jake Bartz, Matthew Fischer, Max Larson, Jeron Huseby
09-Aug Wesley Crenshaw, Jonathon Hasbargen
10-Aug Donna Collison, Steve Engel, Larry Overbeek, Caliyah Olson
11-Aug Bev Lofgren, Heidi Thomas, Erin Tatro, Tara Weidner, Hannah Allen, Joseph McKinnon-Puhr
12-Aug Bob Bieberdorf, Janet Tiegen, Brady Miller, Shelby Eichstadt, Ashton Niemi
13-Aug Richard Huewe, Stacy Larson, Jennifer Kondos, Alex Matheney, Dawson Lish
14-Aug Glen Anderson, John Eggers, Brad Johnson, Scott Wilson, Samuel Riewer, Eva Levesque
15-Aug Jane Brakner, Lyle Meulebroeck, Dan Bentler, Cole Tatro, Anna Papenfuss
16-Aug Patsy Erickson
17-Aug Jeanette Lukowski, Chad Prestegard
18-Aug Art Larson, Peter Bahr, Evan Hoffmann, Mara Zutz
19-Aug Charles Heller, Mike Sherwood, Ceyonna Olson
20-Aug Sylvia Fossen, Peter Harrison, Angela Bokovoy, Ellie Hoover, Kalea Ward
21-Aug Linda Lemmer, Bryan Hoyum, Carter Thorson, Gracelyn Brown
22-Aug Paul Drees, Vanessa Hamilton, Sarah Markert, Elliot Anderson-Cameron, Logan Bjerke
23-Aug Ronda Sanders, Logan Hatfield, Cash Knutson, Isabella Hagman, Mckinley Labraaten
24-Aug Tiffany Hommes
25-Aug Almina Beyer, Marty Fladeboe, Jess Minske, Brendan Frenzel
26-Aug Shelly Ward, Lori Jensen, Justin Katke
27-Aug Joan Allen, Steve Reznicek, Debra Larson
28-Aug Pearl Skime, Terry Diffley, Debbie Strowbridge, Kristy Settle, Kyle Sorenson, Stephanie Rossiter, Owen Riley, Reid Minske
29-Aug Bob Sauer, Rochelle Friesen, Chad Rebeschke, Kayla Hennem, Cora Knutson, Savannah Evje, Hadley Dunn
30-Aug Danielle Thorson, Dylan Wizner, Brooke Batchelder, Hunter Bjorgaard, Tyler Reimer, Jace Kemp, Maeve Welle
31-Aug Kaylee Rogstad, Britten Haugen, Coralee Clemenson



No Calvary Alive Worship Throughout August

There will be no 6:30 pm Calvary Alive worship on Wednesday nights throughout the month on August. In lieu of worship, you are encouraged to put your Faith in Action by enjoying some live music at the waterfront, inviting friends over for supper or ice cream, or by finding some peaceful time out in God's creation.



We will resume our Calvary Alive worship services at 6:30 pm on Wednesday night, September 5.

HAPPENINGS

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY
Southside Restaurant, Weds., 6:30 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, 10:00 am. Contact Linda Arnold (759-9702)

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

GRIEF SHARE at Calvary, Tuesdays 5:45-7:45 pm - Chip Holt (651-353-0029)

ZUMBA CLASS at Calvary, 11:00 am most Sundays. sarahbendorf.zumba.com
Find her on Facebook w/ [Sarah B Zumba](https://www.facebook.com/SarahBZumba)

MARTIAL ARTS at Calvary, 7:00 pm most Sundays; Northwinds Martial Arts (218-333-3806)

QUILTERS at Calvary, 9:00 am - Room 4, in the quilting room Thursdays weekly

CRAFTERS at Calvary, 7:00 pm the 2nd Monday of every month. At Giovanni's Pizza, Noon 4th Monday, of every month; Cheryl - 368-3098

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Summer Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM Calvary Youth Group Reunion 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah</p>	<p>30 Summer Child Care 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>31 Summer Child Care 5:45 PM Grief Share 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>1 Summer Child Care 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 6:30 PM No Calvary Alive Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CLUB at Paulson's 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>2 Summer Child Care 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team</p>	<p>3 Summer Child Care 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Megan Casper Ordination 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>4 7:00 PM Rehearsal for Mission Sunday</p>
<p>5 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM Worship - Mission Trip Sunday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Summer Coffee Fellowship - Cinnamon Rolls to Support Youth Missions 9:30 AM Worship - Mission Trip Sunday 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah</p>	<p>6 Americorps Housing Americorps Housing - Arival Day Summer Child Care Vacation Bible School Week, August 6-10 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM VBS Registration 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 10:00 AM Marigold Circle (in members homes) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 5:45 PM Grief Share 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>8 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 5:15 PM Calvary Foundation Meeting 6:30 PM No Calvary Alive Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CLUB at Hamilton's 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>9 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts Round Table</p>	<p>10 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>11 Americorps Housing 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Glen & Vivian Anderson Family Reunion</p>
<p>12 Americorps Housing Baptismal Festival 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Summer Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah 4:00 PM Baptism in the Lake at Camp Minnewakan</p>	<p>13 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Calvary Crafters meet at Calvary</p>	<p>14 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 5:45 PM Grief Share 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>15 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM BACM Recital & Luncheon (with Jenn (Paquette) Ellis) 6:30 PM No Calvary Alive Wednesday Worship 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>16 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 6:15 AM - 7:30 AM "Come as you are" Monthly Gathering 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team</p>	<p>17 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Metro ECSU Training 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 12:00 PM Decade Group - Lunch at Giovanni's 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>18 Americorps Housing</p>
<p>19 Americorps Housing 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Faith in Action Day 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah 11:45 AM Faith in Action Picnic Meal</p>	<p>20 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Metro ECSU Staff Training 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Hope Circle 1:30 PM Martha Circle 5:45 PM Grief Share 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>22 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Calvary Council 6:30 PM No Calvary Alive Wednesday Worship 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>23 Americorps Housing Summer Child Care 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team</p>	<p>24 Americorps Housing Larson/Voss Wedding Rehearsal Summer Child Care 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Steller Human Services Annual Staff Meeting 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>25 Americorps Housing Larson/Voss Wedding</p>
<p>26 Americorps Housing 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Summer Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah 7:00 PM Calvary Crafters meet at Giovanni's Pizza</p>	<p>27 Americorps Housing No Child Care for Preschool 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Calvary Crafters meet at Giovanni's Pizza</p>	<p>28 Americorps Housing No Child Care for Preschool 5:45 PM Grief Share 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Preschool Orientation 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Northwest Minnesota Synod Training 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>29 Americorps Housing No Child Care for Preschool 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 6:30 PM No Calvary Alive Wednesday Worship 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>30 Americorps Housing No Child Care for Preschool 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Calvary All-staff Fall Retreat 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team</p>	<p>31 No Child Care for Preschool T: Americorps Housing 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>1 T: Americorps Housing</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@calvaryhemijiji.org by the newsletter deadline.

2ND OFFERING MINISTRY PARTNER - ELCA FUND FOR LEADERS

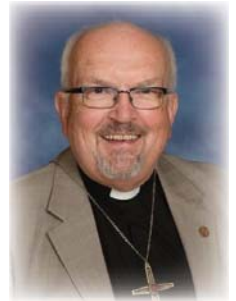
This month, our second offering will support new church leaders in our seminaries and synod. Our regional church area, the NW MN Synod, has a Fund for Leaders Endowment that helps with seminary costs. This is a vital fund that will raise up and support the next generation of pastors and other church leaders in our area and country. By making seminary more affordable, the ELCA Fund for Leaders enables more future ministers to go to seminary and helps them graduate with less debt, empowering those whom God calls into ministry to go and serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

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 (August 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.



Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Wohlrabe will be preaching at worship on Sunday, August 12.



Calvary Alive Meal Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

Hellloooo Church! Polly is making plans for another season of Wednesday evening meals and is in need of more volunteers to make that happen. We need to fill at least two clean up teams to replace our retirements and need a couple of cooks to rotate in, too.

If you would like to join a clean up team, please reach out to Polly by email at pmerhar@calvarybemidji.org or by phone at 751-1893, ext. 103. Clean up folks are scheduled to arrive at 5:30 pm and are always done by 7:00 pm. Most teams work 4-6 meals each season. We like to have teams of 6-10 people so not all team members have to show up each time their team is scheduled. Cooks usually come between 1:30-3:00 pm and stay until 5:30 pm.



Working in the kitchen is a great way to get to know other fun Calvary folks. Join us in the kitchen and cook up some good food and good friends!

Calvary's Visioning Team

Calvary's council appointed Bethany Wesley, Kate St. Germaine, Betty Christ, Steve Engel, Ashley Brue, Matt Hietla, and Maddie Snyder to form a 2018 visioning team. This team will be seeking information, listening and proposing a new 3 - 5 strategic plan for our church community.

You all will be invited to complete the Church Assessment Tool (better known as the CAT) in September. These results will help us know where our energy and passion lie as a congregation. Then we will hold some community forums with visionary leaders from the larger Bemidji community to share with us what some of the needs and dreams are of our area. We will then go to work forming a new strategic plan to be presented at the January 2019 annual meeting. God is leading us here at Calvary and we are excited for the clarity of vision that will come through this process.

May God be glorified in our work!

SAVE THE DATE:

Blessing of the Animals Worship

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 AT 6:30 PM ON THE BACK LAWN!

Blessing
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ANIMALS



FINANCIAL REPORT

June	Income	Expenses
General Fund \$60,972 \$57,718
Y-T-D \$382,224 \$389,779
Preschool	... \$16,658 \$24,981
Y-T-D \$316,460 \$339,802
(Preschool Fiscal Year End Totals)		

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

Cash & Receivables \$149,922

May Ministry Partner:

Youth Impact Events:..... \$2,817
\$1,617 + \$1,200 from Calvary Foundation

Calvary Foundation Balance: \$40,209

Capital Appeal: THE BRIDGE

Received in June \$5,512
Received to the pledge so far..... \$858,150
Pledged to date \$834,115
Participation was 75% of our congregation!

Thank you all for your participation. Calvary has a much firmer foundation financially, thanks to your donations and participation!



Faith in Action Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018



On Sunday morning, August 19 we will just have our early worship service at 8:15 am. Following the service, we will be commissioned and sent out for various work projects throughout the Bemidji area. We will work from 9:30-11:45 am, then come to the church building to share a meal together.

To find our online signup sheets you may follow [this link](#), or visit our website. We will also have signup sheets available outside of the Calvary office and we can even sign you up if you call our office! Jobs may be added or changed prior to our Faith in Action day, so remember to check back frequently to ensure that you are signed up for the job you want.

No connection to Calvary? No problem! Feel free to invite your friends to participate too! Mark your calendar now to ensure that you will be part of this fun and meaningful day.

Americorps Team to be Hosted at Calvary



We are once again hosting an AmeriCorps team here at Calvary. This group will be here for about one month. The team will arrive to help our Bemidji community on August 6 and will remain here through September 6.

Be sure to give them a hearty hello when you see them, and thank them for helping our Bemidji community.

Cemetery Lawnmowers Needed

Eric Bieberdorf is coordinating the summer lawn mowing schedule for the cemetery this summer. Please call him at 444-2318 to get on the rotation. Once a month? Twice in the summer? Any help is greatly appreciated!



Faith in Action Day Projects

We have many jobs that will be available to work during our Faith in Action Day on Sunday, August 19. If any of these activities peak your interest, be sure to [sign up now!](#)

We will be working with the Bemidji Community Food Shelf once again. They are asking that we help them in the farm with their end of season crop harvest as well as inside with some set up and organization needs.

Bemidji's Adult Day Services needs assistance weeding and gathering brush behind the building. They also request that we do some powerwashing in the front of their building. Calvary does not have a powerwasher to supply for this job. If you have one, please consider signing up for and being a lead on this project.

We have many other projects both within and outside of Calvary. Consider each of them, find one that speaks to you, gather your friends, and put your faith into Action!

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

AUGUST 6-10, 2018

All Pre-K through 6th grade youth are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Calvary the week of August 6-10th. We will be learning about Jesus, singing songs, playing games, doing crafts, and having fun! You can register through on Calvary's website or in Calvary's office. Please check with Joan or Pr. Nate if you have any questions!

Register for VBS today!

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with a variety of jobs. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Joan or Pr. Nate in the office at 751-1893.



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