

Calvary News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BEMIDJI | OCTOBER 2018

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September & October Celebrations



Our fall programming is in full swing, with lots of positive energy in every part of the building! We celebrated Rally Sunday, hearing the message of “Jubilee” by Pastor Tim Megorden from Lutheran Campus Ministry. The transition to 2 services on Sunday mornings has gone remarkably well! Our Sunday School classes are bustling, and we have had an increase in the number of families with children in both worship services! Yea, God! We still have space in our Adult Education, held from 9:30-10:30 am Sunday mornings. We gifted our 3rd graders (and anyone else who hadn’t received one) a Spark Bible on September 30.

In October, we have additional faith formation milestones to celebrate! As a congregation, we affirm our baptismal promises during worship on October 10 & 14 and welcome new households to our church family. On October 7 and 21, we celebrate Holy Communion. Reformation Sunday, October 28, we celebrate the gifts of baptism at the 8:15 am worship service and confirmation of our 9th graders during the 9:30 am worship service. Come, worship, and celebrate as often as you can! God’s presence can be felt as we continue to foster faith formation across the generations!

Our Wednesdays in October continue to be energized with Kingdom Kids from 3:30-5:00 pm; Kidz Choir from 5-5:30; Calvary Alive Meal from 5:30-6:10 pm; Worship from 6:15-7:00 pm; and Confirmation, Club, and Choir from 7:15-8:15 pm. Two particular Wednesdays to be noted: Wednesday, October 3 will be a “Pack the Pews” night, led by our youth praise team. Come and see what it’s all about! (This service will be a bit louder, and the lighting a bit darker ☺); Secondly, October 17 we encourage everyone to put your Faith in Action however you choose, so we will not have Calvary Alive programming here that evening ~ No Kingdom Kids or Kidz Choir, no supper, no worship, and no Club.

May we worship God with our entire lives, in all that we say and do!

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*November newsletter deadline:
8 am, October 22, 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!

Grow • Give • Serve

Calvary Foundation Hosts a Will & Estate Planning Seminar

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm to come and learn about how to put together your will and estate documents. How do you want to leave a legacy to bless others? Adam Christopher from Drahos, Kieson and Christopher will be sharing important information on how to shape and plan for our assets to be a blessing to others. A free will donation will be taken. Please RSVP to the church office so we can have enough resources to hand out.

Stay Vigilant!

AN UPDATE TO CALVARY'S SECURITY

In the early morning hours of September 13, our building was burglarized. Nothing was vandalized and no one was hurt. The person(s) broke open the key box by door 1 and unlocked the outside door to come in. They made it into the office area and took the keys to the rest of the building. Several electronic devices and some convenience food was taken. The building alarm was not reset from having the Americorp team staying overnight in our building, (they left the building a week prior.)

This was very hard for the staff to deal with emotionally but we cooperated with police and investigators and did our best to lay aside what we had on our to do list to focus on this. This was a wake up call to be more vigilant. We have made some changes that will help keep the building more secure (upgrading our alarm system to automatically set, re-keying the entire building and locking up valuables, etc.) and are reviewing our safety procedures.

Our building is a well used gathering place for many, many people each week which is essential to do our mission. We want to remain a safe place to be. So, please come, invite and also be vigilant as we move forward together as God's church. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a church council member.

We especially want to thank the Bemidji Police Department, Eric from Bonded Lock & Key, & Ken from United Security and Alarm Systems. All were very helpful and gracious as we worked through this disconcerting issue.

Home Communion Ministry Team

At Calvary, we have about 10 home communion ministers who bring the sacrament of Holy Communion to those who otherwise can't make it to church. If you would like to be a part of this group of ministers, we provide quarterly training and fellowship as well as just have some fun. Pastor Gay Albers is chairing this ministry team. If you have any questions, please give her or Pastor Genelle a call.

Hockey Day Minnesota Needs Our Help

On January 16-19, 2019 our town will be hosting a statewide event to celebrate Minnesota being a beautiful state in the winter months and known around the country for its love of the sport of hockey. The organizers of this event are needing clean up crews to help reset and clean up the venue after each day's events. Calvary has decided to volunteer to cover this important part of the plan!

We are looking for 10-15 volunteers to work a 2-3 hour shift either late in the evening (10:00 pm and beyond) or in the early morning (from 6-8:00 am) to help clean up and reset the area for the next day's activities. Team leads are needed for each shift starting on Wednesday night and going through Saturday night. All volunteers will go into a drawing for FREE tickets to some of the games.

If you are interested in putting your faith in action and helping the Bemidji community pull off a state wide gathering, please contact Pastor Genelle in Calvary's office.

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-Oct Norm Carlson, Jamie Eidsmoe, Cori Sherwood, Rochelle Stevens, Allie Larson, Megan McKinnon, Noah Piller
- 02-Oct Mark Lewer
- 03-Oct Cindy Sorenson, Tonie Peterson, Danielle Hagman, Nicole Strowbridge, Alec Newby, Heaton Brodina, Kennedy Voss
- 04-Oct Bruce Olson, Wendy Brown, Nancy Schram, Kris Engesather, Brooke Haugen, Reagan Nelson-Dagg
- 05-Oct Timothy Wang, Kris Naig, Steve Ward
- 06-Oct Pat Fjosne, Julie Aas, Dana Woods, Lindsay Potter, Taylor Gish, Leah Karbowski
- 07-Oct Joy Heller, Butch Pfremmer, Hadley Bartz, Carter McKinnon
- 08-Oct Dallas Way, Susan Olson Elliot, Cody Hallik, Blake Collison, Oscar Hanks, Gavin Hiller
- 09-Oct Herbert Peterson, Morris Jacobson, Macie Farr
- 10-Oct Leon Nelson, Darla Borgen, Michael Hamann, Jeremy Hagman, Jon Labraaten, Nate Bendorf, Nick Hoover
- 11-Oct Mel Luepke, Jess Binstock, Korben Ward
- 12-Oct Barb Bjerke, Lane Paulson, Lee Pemberton, Gavin Spilman, Samantha Melberg
- 13-Oct Joann Fredrickson, Kirsten Fenner, Matt Wendland, Oriana Thompson, Marley Ueland
- 14-Oct Nicole Klaustermeier, Nathan Mannausau, Max Brown
- 15-Oct Diane Olson, Titus Brue, Leah Larson, Katie Alto, Violet Anderson
- 16-Oct Terry Nielsen, Rodney Nelson, Connie Lillo, Connor Bakken, Simone Cirks
- 17-Oct Thomas Riewer, Jim Harris, Mya McKinnon
- 18-Oct Mark Bensen, Jenna Olson, Courtney Truax, Mikerra Mathews
- 19-Oct Josiah Erdmann
- 20-Oct Tracy Passa, Jimmy Wheeler, Ava Moran
- 21-Oct Dennis Brovold, Gloria Osowski, Jim Hansen
- 23-Oct Eileen Spilman, Barbara Brown, Mike Tatro, Jared Port, Kellen Biggin, Gavin Boerboom
- 24-Oct Jan Often, Stephanie Moe
- 25-Oct Ida Mae Rypkema, Reid Swanson
- 26-Oct Kathleen Eidsmoe, James Wheeler, Luc Berard, Tristan Hamann, Vivian Welle
- 27-Oct Ann Peterson, Sharon Gavlovsky, Faith Richards, Carly Vraa, Crosby Kuzel, Clara Mack, Hunter McClellan, Ryker Sant
- 28-Oct Teresa Kuleta
- 29-Oct Jeff Nelson, Jody Blake, Jill Biggin, Jack Dahl, Al Zutz, Wil Hart, Emily Quello, Elise Fladeboe, Miranda Port
- 30-Oct Kevin Gish, Kate St. Germaine, Andrea Lewis, Chad Netland, Amanda Trepanier, Corbin Skerik
- 31-Oct Jan Lange, Linda Vigen, Haley Bahl, Chloe Molitor, Josie Young



Calvary's Sunday Adult Education

Bill Beyer will lead the Calvary Adult Faith Formation that is held on Sundays at 9:30 am. This fall we will be studying the book *Holy Spirit: Creative Power in Our Lives*, written by Lois Malcolm.

Visit [this link](#) to see google's description of this book. You can also click on their webpage's link "preview this book" to take a closer look at some of its contents.



These classes will be held through Sunday, November 18. (No Program on Oct. 28)

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)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am in Calvary's Lounge. Begins Sept 12

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

GRIEF SHARE SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS at Calvary, November 20 & December 18 at 6:30. The next Grief Share program will begin January, 2019. 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](#)

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

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 8:15 AM Worship 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School for PreK-1st Grade 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sons of Norway Meeting 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Northwind Mental Arts</p>	<p>1 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Metro ECSU Training 10:00 AM Margold Circle (in members homes) 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just For Kix Dance Classes 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 PM - 8:45 PM Just For Kix Dance Class (6 wk program)</p>	<p>2 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Metro ECSU Training 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just For Kix Dance Classes 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 PM - 8:45 PM Just For Kix Dance Class (6 wk program)</p>	<p>3 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM Preschool Chapel 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Kingdom Kids 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Calvary Foundation Meeting 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM New Member Orientation 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM Calvary Alive Meal 6:15 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Youth Club 7:30 PM - 8:15 PM R.I.P.P.E.D. Exercise Class with Leah 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Private Birthday Party 8:30 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>6 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Kangoo Jumps (Exercise Class by Leah) 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Civil Air Patrol Banquet and Awards</p>
<p>7 8:15 AM Worship 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School for PreK-1st Grade 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah</p>	<p>8 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just For Kix Dance Classes 7:00 PM Calvary Crafters meet at Calvary</p>	<p>9 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM Preschool Staff Meeting 4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 PM - 8:45 PM Just For Kix Dance Class (6 wk program)</p>	<p>10 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Continuous Improvement Process (C of E) 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Kingdom Kids 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kidz Choir 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM Calvary Alive Meal 6:15 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship - New Member Welcome 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Youth Club 7:30 PM - 8:15 PM R.I.P.P.E.D. Exercise Class with Leah 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team 4:30 PM CAT Interpretation Event 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>13 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Kangoo Jumps (Exercise Class by Leah)</p>
<p>14 New Member Sunday 8:15 AM Worship 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM No Sunday School for PreK-1st Grade - Please attend worship 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah</p>	<p>15 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Hope Circle 1:30 PM Merida Circle 4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>17 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Calvary Council (3rd Wednesday) 6:15 PM No Calvary Alive Worship 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM No Confirmation 7:15 PM No Youth Club 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>18 6:15 AM - 7:30 AM "Come as you are" Monthly Gathering 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM Assist-Suicide Intervention Training (Stelther Human Services) 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>19 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Assist-Suicide Intervention Training (Stelther Human Services) 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>20 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Kangoo Jumps (Exercise Class by Leah) 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM 50th Anniversary. Helian & Diane Olson</p>
<p>21 8:15 AM Worship 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School for PreK-1st Grade 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah</p>	<p>22 Newsletter Deadline 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes 7:00 PM American Swedish Institute Meeting 7:00 PM Calvary Crafters meet at Giovanni's Pizza</p>	<p>23 4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes 6:30 PM MHI & Estate Planning - provided by the Calvary Foundation 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>24 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Kingdom Kids 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kidz Choir 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM Calvary Alive Meal 6:15 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Youth Club 7:30 PM - 8:15 PM R.I.P.P.E.D. Exercise Class with Leah 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>25 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Stelther Human Services Training 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>27 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Kangoo Jumps (Exercise Class by Leah) 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Calvary Holiday Bazaar 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Calvary Confirmation Practice</p>
<p>28 Baptismal Festival at 8:15 Worship Confirmation Sunday at 9:30 am Worship Service Reformation Sunday 8:15 AM Worship - Baptismal Festival 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM No Sunday School for PreK-1st Grade - Please attend worship 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM No Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM Worship with Confirmation 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah 7:00 PM Calvary Crafters meet at Giovanni's Pizza</p>	<p>29 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM BRIC Workshop 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes</p>	<p>30 4:15 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>31 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Kingdom Kids 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kidz Choir 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM Calvary Alive Meal 6:15 PM Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Youth Club 7:30 PM - 8:15 PM R.I.P.P.E.D. Exercise Class with Leah 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>1 All Saints Day 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Quilting Ministry Team 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM Just for Kix Dance Classes 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Boy Scouts Adult Leader Training</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 - LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

In October, our offerings will help those affected by recent hurricanes in the Carolinas and the surrounding region as well as fires out west. We will partner with Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), the disaster relief arm of our larger church family, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). LDR is committed to working with local partners for the long-term process of clean-up and rebuilding. Our gifts will be a sign of hope for these neighbors of ours who have experienced great loss.



**DISASTER
RESPONSE**

Partnership is more than money! Pray for those who have lost loved ones, who have lost property and possessions, who are uncertain about their future, and who are working to bring assistance. You can also check out the Lutheran Disaster Response website for more ways to stay connected: www.elca.org/disaster

While we will take a second offering one Sunday and Wednesday per month (October 10 & 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.

New Member Welcome

God continues to enrich the church by bringing new people into congregations. Calvary is blessed to have a wonderful mix of people, some who have been part of the congregation for years and others who are new in the community.

The membership process at Calvary is simple: those who are interested simply come to a one-time orientation session or arrange for a meeting with a pastor. After, they participate in a new member worship service at which they affirm their faith in God and become part of this faith fellowship. Our next New Member Orientation will be held on Wednesday night, October 3 from 5:15-6:00 pm. Supper will be available for a \$3/person donation.

The people of Calvary will be welcoming those interested to our church during our New Member Worship services on Wednesday, October 10 at 6:15 pm, and also during both Sunday services on October 14, 8:15 & 9:30 am.

Please contact us in Calvary's office if you would like more information.

Angel Tree

It's that time of year again when we are planning our Christmas lists! Unfortunately, there are many people in our community that are struggling to survive. We are in the process of collecting the names of families, children, and adults that are in need of our help. We are looking for cash donations, food items, personal care needs, and toys. If you are in need of help, please contact Pr. Genelle in the church office.



The Angel Tree will be up the week of Thanksgiving. There will be Angel Tags listing whether the recipient is male or female, as well as the age of the recipient. Please, feel free to take an Angel Tag! Once you find a gift you'd like to give, place it in a gift bag and attach your Angel Tag to the bag. You can then return it to Calvary. Please have the gifts returned to the church by Tuesday, December 18th. After all the gifts are gathered, we will sort them and deliver the gifts.

As you prepare your gifts, also please pray for those you are gifting. For any questions or information, call Bonnie Jevning at 751-3118.

October Calvary Alive Meals:

- 10th – Grilled Chicken Sandwiches
- 17th – No Meal/No Confirmation
- 24th – Tater Tot Hotdish
- 31st – Italian Chicken

We are in need of Cook Assistants for our Calvary Alive meals. These people would not be the "head cook", but would assist the "head cook" for the day. Hours would be in a range from 3-4 ½ hours (beginning between 1:30-3:00 pm, helping until 6:00 pm,) depending on the meal prep needed. We only have 5 nights left to fill for the entire year! If this is something you would consider help Calvary out with, contact Polly in the office!

FINANCIAL REPORT

August	Income	Expenses
General Fund	\$59,125.....	\$62,795
Y-T-D.....	\$497,645.....	\$491,861
Preschool ...	\$7,038.....	\$19,869
Y-T-D.....	\$30,548.....	\$36,244

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

Cash & Receivables \$61,324

August Ministry Partner:

ELCA Fund for Leaders: \$1,353

Calvary Foundation Balance: \$40,209

Capital Appeal: THE BRIDGE

The appeal is completed. We ask that you change your giving to the general fund. Other options are Debt Reduction or the Annual Project: Jubilee. Please choose the annual project if you would like all your contributions to be put to work here at Calvary.



SAVE THE DATE: 2018 Holiday Bazaar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 FROM 9:00AM-2:00PM.

Our 2018 Holiday Bazaar is fast approaching! Don't miss this opportunity to buy all things crafty! We will have books, arts & crafts, quilting items, honey, lefse, antiques, and much, much more available for display and purchase. This year, we are excited to introduce our new Kids Holiday Shopping area! This will be an area designated specifically for children up to the age of 12 to shop for any holiday gifts that they may need. Everything in this room will be \$1.00, with all proceeds going to benefit Calvary's preschool!



We are currently accepting booth registrations for our 2018 Holiday Bazaar. Check out our Vendor Agreement form on our website. To participate, simply read over and fill out the form. Once complete, return it to Calvary's office along with the payment for your vendor space.

CAT and Forum Updates

A big thank you to all who took the CAT and to all those who attended the two forums. Your participation is essential in helping us discern our mission and ministry direction! Thanks again to all who took the CAT! Everyone is invited to hear the results on Thursday, October 11 at 4:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall.

The forums were terrific! What an excellent way to get a tremendous amount of information from community leaders, in a short period of time, all here at Calvary. Over the two days, nine presenters shared about their organizations, the challenges they face, the hope they have found, and the ways our faith community can partner with them. Participants included representatives from: Evergreen Youth & Family Services, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji Community Food Shelf, Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area, Adult Day Services, United Way of Bemidji Area, and Northwest Minnesota Legal Services. Their dedication, talent, and passion for the work they do is inspiring. We are blessed to have them in our community. They, in turn, appreciated being able to share. One presenter wrote: "It is good to see your congregation looking for awareness and ways to get involved with big needs and vulnerable persons in our community."

Northwoods Christian Women's 9th Annual Retreat

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 FROM 8:00-3:00PM

Northwoods Christian Women's Retreat is planned by a nondenominational team of women with a passion to share the gospel of Christ. It all began when a member of the team received a vision from God to provide an opportunity for women to gather for fellowship with encouragement to grow in their faith. After sharing this vision with others, the Northwoods Christian Women's Team was formed, making it a reality.

We are holding our 2018 retreat at Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji. Each year at our retreats, we experience awesome days of fellowship, music, prayer, and food. We have been truly blessed with fantastic speakers who have each in their own way brought to us words of faith. It is our prayer that this retreat will touch each one present in a personal and special way as you meet Becky Baker.

[See our website](#) for more information.

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LUTEFISK & MEATBALL SUPPER

Thursday, November 29, 2018
4:00—7:00 p.m.
(Take-outs available)

 \$ 15.00
\$ 7.00 children 10 & under 

Entertainment in the Sanctuary
Youth Bake Sale

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