

About Calvary

Calvary Lutheran Church of Bemidji is one of over 9,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We're part of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, along with about 230 other regional churches. Locally, we're part of the Bemidji Conference, consisting of over 20 churches in Beltrami & neighboring counties.

Calvary supports the ministries of:
Churches United, Bemidji,
Lutheran Campus Ministry—BSU & NTC,
Peoples Church, Bemidji,
Pathways Outdoor Ministries,
Gideons International,
Lutheran Social Service—Meals on Wheels,
Northwoods Caregivers,
and many other ministry partners!

Why Join Calvary?

"I'm new to the community and looking for a way to meet people with similar values."

"I've been church shopping for a few years now. I need to settle down and commit to one church."

"There's so much need in the community and the world. I've been blessed and I'd like to give something back in service to others."

"My relationship with God is central to my life. I need a place where I can grow in faith and share with other Christ followers."

"I need a church home where I can get to know others and let them know me, a place where I can use my gifts to serve others."

"I know I need others to help me on the journey."

Ways to Stay Informed

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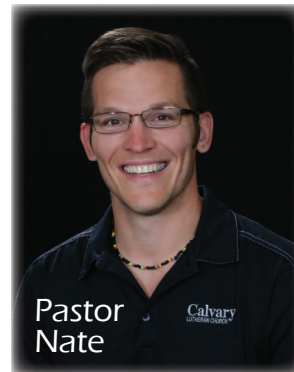
Weekly E-news & Monthly Newsletter

(please sign up on our web site under "Resources" then "Calvary News" or by texting CALVARYBEMIDJI to 22828)

Communicate with the pastors and staff



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Welcome

God invites everyone to be part of the blessed and broken Church of Christ, where we receive God's grace-filled life through Word and Sacrament. Staff and members here are glad to visit with you about Calvary, as you discern what church is a good fit for you. Of course, you can be active at Calvary or elsewhere without membership. Membership is a commitment to life with a particular congregation; it connects you to a specific people and place, and also enables you to be part of decision-making in the congregation. We're glad that you're hearing God's call to share in the life of the Church, whether that leads you to join or not!

Cultivating Faithful Disciples



Mission Statement

GATHERED to worship,
TRANSFORMED by Christ,
SENT out to serve.

Vision Statement

Jesus calls us to **GROW** as disciples,
to **GIVE** generously, and
to **SERVE** others every day.

Getting Ready to Join

Individuals and families interested in membership should attend a new member orientation session when available, (usually twice a year in April & October.) Please contact the church office so that a pastor can be in touch about a meeting. Sessions may take place with one or more households. At these meetings, you'll share something about your faith story, have a chance to get to know a pastor, learn about Calvary's mission and ministry, and discuss what church membership involves.

Get Involved!

To get more involved in Calvary life, whether you're a member or not, please visit our website at www.calvarybemidji.org. Go to the "Ministries" menu, then choose "Volunteer/Outreach," "Adult Bible Study Groups," or other options.



Ways to Become a Member

- Through baptism
- Through confirmation
- Through meeting with a pastor and participating in New Member Sunday (This may involve transfer of membership from another church)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

New Member Welcome

New members affirm their faith and are welcomed during Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship services. Pastors will try to accommodate any special requests.



Join us in
Ministry!

If you're interested in membership, a bit of paperwork will help us get started. Pick up the form in the welcome bag or in the church office and return them to us. Thanks!

- Member information sheet (contact information and important dates)
- Optional: Simply Giving application (option for giving via automatic withdrawal)