

Calvary News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BEMIDJI | JULY 2019

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Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday - 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Friday & Saturday - Closed, Sunday - 8:00-11:00 am

Summer Worship at Calvary

Psalm 147:1 - *Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.*

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

Our summer sermon series is off to a great start! We will continue to dig deep into one of the Psalms, each Sunday hearing a psalm through reading, singing, prayer, and contemplation. We will have a faith at home resource to help you further reflect on how the psalm relates to your life and the world around you.

July 28 will be our annual Mission Sunday (both 8:15 and 9:30 services), when we hear from our youth missionaries about how they saw God working this summer.

Statements of Faith are scheduled on some Sundays during the summer as our 9th graders prepare to be confirmed. Come, listen, support, and pray for the young adults in our church!

Worship at the Lake

We had a wonderful worship in the picnic shelter at Lake Bemidji State Park in June! There was a nice turnout, especially since we were dodging the rain showers! We look forward to worshipping on Tuesday, July 9 at Diamond Point Park (in the Sapphire Pavilion - we will be commissioning our HS mission trip participants), and Tuesday, August 6 (with baptisms) at Rolf and Lisa Lund's home (thank them for their willingness to share their lovely setting on Lake Plantagenet). Let's meet together for these mid-week services in our community lake areas, gratefully praising God for the many blessings in our lives, and worshipping together in God's creation. Invite your friends! Please bring a camp chair and join us for worship! It would be great to eat together as well. Please contact the church office if you feel called to help organize a meal for one or more of these worship events. Many hands make light work, but we need your help to include a meal on these nights.

Psalm 146:1-2 *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.*

SUMMER SCRIPTURES

July 7 ~ Psalm 19

July 14 ~ Psalm 69:1-10

July 21 ~ Psalm 27

July 28 ~ Psalm 23 (Mission Sunday)

Aug. 4 ~ Psalm 40:1-10

Aug. 11 ~ Psalm 46

Aug. 18 ~ Psalm 121

Aug. 25 ~ Psalm 51

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

- Albert Schweitzer

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*July newsletter deadline:
8 am, June 22, 2019*

*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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Thank You!

With deep gratitude in my heart, I want to say thank you to the good people of Calvary Lutheran Church for giving me the time and space to discern the call to be the bishop for our synod. It was a long process to collectively hold our breath and let God sort out what was best moving forward. As I shared in my sermon on June 16, I had an overwhelming feeling of God's faithfulness when the final vote was shared. I had prayed for clarity and clarity came! The work of the bishop would have been very challenging and I would have done it if God asked me to. Yet I am excited to be here serving with you, a place that I know and love! This long, intense discernment period has changed me, I believe for the better. I hope I am a better person, pastor, colleague, and friend. I'm grateful for your prayers, your blessings and your support during this time and I look forward to renewed leadership here at Calvary!

- Pastor Genelle

High School Mission Trip - Denver

JULY 13-JULY 20

Please pray for our high school mission trip participants as they head to Denver on July 13 and as they return on July 20. On this trip, our youth have the opportunity to help out the local Boys and Girls Club, food shelf, soup kitchen, and a clothing distribution center. There is also an elder care facility and children's program that they can assist. Pray for safe travel, and that eyes will be opened and faith unceased as they serve in what God has called them to do.

Be sure to come to our high school mission trip commissioning service at Diamond Point Park on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00pm.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Bemidji Area Church Musicians

SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

Don't miss out on the many great musicians that Bemidji has to offer with BACM's Summer Recital Series! From 12-12:30 each Wednesday, a Bemidji area church hosts a recital for the public to enjoy. Lunch will follow each recital with a freewill offering. Check Calvary's ENews weekly for the week's venue of the recital.

Mark your calendars for August 7, when Calvary hosts our own Jenn Ellis' recital and luncheon.



Vacation Bible School Recap

During the last week of June, close to 100 kids from the age of 3 to those entering 6th grade came together to learn, play, sing, and worship! Our theme this year was "Roar! - Life is Wild, God is Good."

Throughout the week we learned about the Exodus story of the Israelites in Egypt and their journey to the promised land! Each day had a different focus and a corresponding bible verse.

Monday – "When life is unfair... God is good!" *Nahum 1:7*

Tuesday – "When life is scary... God is good!" *Psalms 23:4*

Wednesday – "When life changes... God is good!" *Psalms 106:1*

Thursday – "When life is sad... God is good!" *Psalms 34:18*

Friday – "When life is good... God is good!" *Nehemiah 4:14*

We want to thank all our participants for having fun and learning with us at Vacation Bible School this year! A BIG thank you to our crew leaders, station leaders, snack makers, adult helpers, and youth helpers!

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-Jul Bob Edwards, Dillan Hall, Peggy Holter, Cole Mack, Kyja Noraas, Noah Paulson, Brenda Sand
- 02-Jul Rita Holter, Isaiah Lewis
- 03-Jul Mike Holleman, Hayden Hommes, Ethan Maish, Brandy Pemberton
- 04-Jul Christian Knutson, Dick Nelson, Doug Sele
- 05-Jul Kellen Hagelee, Jake Lish
- 06-Jul Mary Allen, Grant Carlson, Nancy Gladen, Tim Hinrichs, Ilene Jacobson, Emma Schmidt
- 07-Jul Garrett Anderson, Brittany Batchelder, Brent Bolte, Saige Gjovik, Jill Holm, Brent Lewis, Michelle Luby, Lexie Stenson
- 08-Jul Dan Bokovoy, Roger Bucher, Douglas Garrigan, Cody Jacobson, Lynn Johnson, Elspeth Mostrom-Ose
- 10-Jul Russell Fricke, Mara Hendricks, Debby Nelson, Sophie Riewer, Mason Smith
- 11-Jul Scott Domeier, Trish Hansen, Doug Hoover, Brad Kingery, Galen Knotts, Barb Kurth, Sandi Oman, Rowan Reiersen
- 12-Jul Evan Engesather, Mary Jane Johnson, Cassy Leeport, Colleen Mayer
- 13-Jul Miller Farr, Sarah Katke, Bev Labraaten, Andy Piller, Val Port
- 14-Jul Margo Carlson, James Hardy, Jolee Murawski, Lola Wesley
- 15-Jul Kim Bolte, Tom Naig, Amber Sorenson, Lennae Stevens, Amanda Willis
- 16-Jul Merle Cunningham, Virgil Johnson, Jacob Molde, Jim Musburger, Kennedy Olson, Shirley Olson
- 17-Jul Cale Newby, Chad Olson, Joza Paulson, Grant Tharaldson
- 18-Jul Brad McClellan, Ryan Thomas, Danny Week
- 19-Jul John Erickson, Madison Hendricks, Peter Hennum, Jessica Niemi, Robin Ufford, Karen Wadena
- 20-Jul Sage Hovet, Cory Renbarger, Chasity Skerik
- 21-Jul Amy Jensen, Samantha Sandland, Jeffrey Strowbridge
- 22-Jul Ashley Brue, Macy Flatness, Thomas Harris, Gary Port, Alex Premo, Chris Ross, Tom Wild
- 23-Jul Dale Edman, Brecken Holte, Elaine Iverson, Zach Roberts
- 24-Jul Trevor Bjerke, Dylan Burnham, David Eichstadt, Jack Larson, Jacie Ward
- 25-Jul Natalie Baumgartner, Scott Lacoursiere, Arlen Raincloud, Briana Smith, Brady Tatro, Brynlee Wendland, Harold Wick, Tracy Wild, Kaitlyn Workman
- 26-Jul Matt Hietala, Marlie Kingery, Matthew Matheney, Andrea Ohnstad, Amanda Renbarger
- 27-Jul Christine Christiansen, Jack Fladeboe, Keena Kondos, Felix Paulson, Jaime Quello
- 28-Jul Tony Kerr, Luella Lindseth, Peyton Moran, Rebecca Snyder
- 29-Jul Gunnar Aas, Sara Labraaten
- 30-Jul Tyler Baumgartner, Kathy Eggers, Summer Miller, Alex Underbakke
- 31-Jul Joel Hamilton, Jennifer Sanford, Emily Skoog, Brenda Sletten, Randy Supalla

Calvary's office will be closed the 4th & 5th of July

The church office will be closed for the holiday on Thursday and Friday, July 4th & 5th. You may still call and leave us messages, or send us mail or emails. We will respond to them as soon as we are able when we return to the office on Monday, July 8th.

Thank you, and have a fun and safe holiday!



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.

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)

EXERCISE WITH LEAH Visit Leah's
website to see the many opportunities to
exercise at Calvary. bemidjibounce.com

QUILTERS at Calvary, 9:00 am - Room 4,
in the quilting room most Thursdays.
The quilters will not be meeting July 4th

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

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Faith in Action Day 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Faith in Action Commissioning and sending out to serve 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts	1 Summer Childcare 10:00 AM Marigold Circle (in members homes)	2 Summer Childcare 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM GriefShare at Evangelical Free Church 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	3 Summer Childcare 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Calvary Foundation Meeting 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg	4 Independence Day NO Summer Childcare Office and Building Closed	5 <i>No Summer Childcare</i> OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg	6
7 Baptismal Festival 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts	8 Summer Childcare	9 Summer Childcare 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM GriefShare at Evangelical Free Church 6:00 PM Worship at the Lake: Diamond Point Park with HS Mission Trip Commissioning 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	10 Summer Childcare 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:00 PM HS Mission Trip Meeting 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg	11 Summer Childcare 9:30 AM Summer Quilting Ministry Team 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts Round Table	12 OFFICE CLOSED Summer Childcare 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg	13 High School Mission Trip - Denver
14 High School Mission Trip - Denver 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts	15 High School Mission Trip - Denver Summer Childcare	16 High School Mission Trip - Denver Summer Childcare 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Summer Preschool Session 2 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Hope Circle 1:30 PM Martha Circle 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM GriefShare at Evangelical Free Church 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	17 High School Mission Trip - Denver Summer Childcare 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Summer Preschool Session 2 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Calvary Council (3rd Wednesday) 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg	18 High School Mission Trip - Denver Summer Childcare 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Summer Preschool Session 2 9:30 AM Summer Quilting Ministry Team	19 High School Mission Trip - Denver OFFICE CLOSED Summer Childcare 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	20 High School Mission Trip - Denver
21 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts	22 Summer Childcare	23 Americorps Housing: ARRIVAL Summer Childcare 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Summer Preschool Session 2 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM GriefShare at Evangelical Free Church 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	24 Americorps Housing Summer Childcare 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Summer Preschool Session 2 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg	25 Americorps Housing Summer Childcare 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Summer Preschool Session 2	26 Americorps Housing OFFICE CLOSED Summer Childcare 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg	27 Americorps Housing
28 Americorps Housing Mission Sunday 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Zumba with Sarah 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Northwind Martial Arts	29 Americorps Housing Summer Childcare	30 Americorps Housing Summer Childcare 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM GriefShare at Evangelical Free Church 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	31 Americorps Housing Summer Childcare 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg	1 Americorps Housing Summer Childcare 9:30 AM Summer Quilting Ministry Team	2 Americorps Housing OFFICE CLOSED Summer Childcare 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball 8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg	3 Americorps Housing

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@calvaryhemiidi.org by the newsletter deadline.*

2ND OFFERING MINISTRY PARTNER - 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.

For God's Treasure Chest this month, we are looking for travel-size toiletries, (toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) and similar supplies. *While we will take a second offering per month (July 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 to be Hosted at Calvary



We are once again hosting an Americorps team here at Calvary. This group will be here for about six weeks. The team will arrive to help our Bemidji community on July 23 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.

Mission Trip Sunday

Don't miss worship on Sunday, July 28, when middle school and high school youth will share about their mission trip experiences in Milwaukee and Denver. These young people and special summer experiences are an important part of our shared ministry that make a big impact on the communities we serve, the youth who are sent, and the congregation to whom they return.

Faith in Action Day Thank You

Thank you to everyone that helped Calvary and our surrounding community for this year's Faith in Action Day on June 30. Our Faith in Action volunteers' hard work and dedication help those in the Bemidji area grow together year after year.

Thanks for all that you do!



This Little Light of Mine
LED RETROFIT PROJECT

The LED Project took place on Thursday and Friday and was a massive success. We managed to retrofit every light in the church, making Calvary 100% LED! The advantages of being 100% LED are immense and will save the church a ton of money, while helping the environment by conserving electricity. LED's can use up to 75% less electricity and last 20 times longer than the bulbs that we are replacing. These savings will allow for the project to pay for itself, plus make our church a more environmentally friendly place to worship. A big thanks goes out to Todavich Electric, and all that they provided in the project.

A big thanks goes out to our volunteers as well: Butch Froiland, Harvey Moland, Mike Arnold, Terry Nielsen, Leon Nelson, Judy Hommerding, Mike Lish, Tom Steele, Dallas Way, & Galen Knotts. Their contributions were instrumental in cutting down the labor expenses we incurred in this project. A special thanks goes out to Sandi Oman and Gary Port. Sandi provided and prepared a delicious meal on Thursday for all our volunteers and hired help. Gary was vital to this project, as he was invaluable in recruiting volunteers and organizing the project.

FINANCIAL REPORT

May	Income	Expenses
General Fund ...	\$63,173.....	\$57,716
Y-T-D.....	\$337,777.....	\$305,323
Preschool ...	\$29,272.....	\$29,979
Y-T-D.....	\$315,140.....	\$308,117
<i>Gen. Fund is Jan.-Dec.; Preschool is July-June</i>		
Cash & Receivables	\$136,550	
May Ministry Partner:		
Gideons:	\$1,951.43	
Calvary Foundation Balance:	\$37,193	



Our New Online Giving Platform: *RebelGive*

Our conversion to RebelGive, the new electronic giving platform, continues. Thank you to everyone who has tried the new platform and a special gratitude high-five to those who have switched their recurring giving to RebelGive.

Please call the office or email Polly or Garrett to turn off your old electronic giving account and set up the RebelGive account when you are ready. The only way to turn off the old system is to contact Polly or Garrett. You can do this by phone or email.

If your giving needs to be timed to match an income stream you can also speak with Polly or Garrett about that. We can get your giving set up to process on a desired week day or date of the month. Thanks again for helping us transition to this new electronic giving platform!

Give through RebelGive and WIN!

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

Calvary's Summer Child Care Staff



Preschool Age
Tina Garrison
Bella Henrichs



School Age
Bryanna Hovestol
Tanner Hatfield



Kindergarten Age
Kelly Karst
Alysse Hasbargen
Sam Hodgson

Here are Calvary Preschool's wonderful child care staff that are guiding our youth and helping them grow throughout this summer. Be sure to show them how appreciative we are for the incredible job that they do day after day to make sure our kids are happy, healthy, and learning each day they come to Calvary. Keep up the great work!

70 ½ IRA Giving

Hey elders, elder youngsters, and all those age 70 ½ + who have an IRA. Now that the new tax laws have shaken out, and the impact of the large exemption credit is a reality, it is an even a better deal to donate from your IRA directly to Calvary.

If you are 70 ½+ you can make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA directly to Calvary. This donation will reduce your income for the year. To do this you need to contact the financial institution that holds your IRA and have them direct the donation directly to Calvary.

More and more of our members are taking advantage of this giving opportunity and they wanted to make sure that all the members of Calvary age 70 ½ + know of this tax saving, generosity filled opportunity.

Below is a link to more information about this from Thrivent.

<https://www.thriventfunds.com/insights/retirement-planning/ready-for-age-70.html>



Calvary Lutheran Church and Calvary Lutheran Christian Preschool have both been voted the Best of Bemidji in their respective categories! This would not have been possible without the amazing families, children, and parishioners that attend services and classes here at Calvary. Thank you all for everything that you do to make Calvary the best place to be in Bemidji!

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