

# Calvary News

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## *Broken and Blessed - Lent 2020*

### *Wednesdays*

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 26, with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Our Wednesday Lenten series is focused on our brokenness, and how we continue to be blessed by God amidst and within our brokenness. We begin our Lent mentoring program Ash Wednesday as well. Our messages on Wednesdays will be video-centered, with follow-up questions for our inter-generational discussions, and anyone else that wants to participate! Join us for worship!



We will be offering noon services at Calvary each Wednesday during Lent, from 12-12:30 pm. Ash Wednesday will include imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Calvary is also providing a word and sacrament worship option on Ash Wednesday at the Sanford Hospital Chapel at noon and 12:30 pm.

### *Sundays*

March Sunday worship services will include kneeling for communion and anointing with oil each week. Our Sunday school schedule will change slightly so we can have our Sunday School kids back in worship for a blessing during our communion time as well. "Be Thou My Vision" will continue to be our focus as we journey to the cross with Jesus. Join us for worship!

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*April newsletter deadline:  
8 am, March 20, 2019*

*Please e-mail submissions to  
communications@calvarybemidji.org  
May be edited as space requires.*

*Visit our website at [calvarybemidji.org](http://calvarybemidji.org) to see what else is happening!*

# Gathering • Connecting • Serving

## *The Impact of Lent Mentoring*

"Mentoring at Calvary has been an amazing experience for me! My mentee and I have been able to connect on a spiritual level talking about the videos we watch in the service. Even more than that, we have had an opportunity to work through "life issues" each and every week. We are able to be there for each other to listen, to pray and to just support. We have had some time together outside of church, which I highly recommend as it is a connection different than what happens at church. I have so enjoyed getting to know my mentee on a personal level and the wonderful gal she is becoming!! I am blessed to have her in my life!"

- A Calvary Lent Mentor

We received a testimonial from the very same mentee that the above mentor met with! She said it was an amazing experience because "I get to make a relationship with someone that I can trust with anything! It made me think a lot about my life and my beliefs, while helping me feel even more connected to God."

It is great to see the effects of this amazing program from both perspectives. We cannot take such a wonderful ministry for granted when it comes to preparing our youth to be generous and kind members of our communities.

## *Easter Decorating*

To be more hospitable to those with floral allergies, both current members and visitors, we have decided to NOT use real flowers to decorate our church entries for Easter. We will be purchasing beautiful artificial flowers that we can then re-use for years to come.

We need your help to pay for these beautifying arrangements! Please consider sponsoring an Easter arrangement (instead of purchasing an Easter lily or geranium) to offset the expense of this transition. We want to ensure that all feel welcome to attend worship on Easter (and every Sunday)!

You can sponsor one arrangement for \$15, or three for \$30. Thank you for being a welcoming church!

## *Getting to Know Our Council VP, Kim Williams*

I'm Kim Williams, the Calvary Lutheran Church Council's Vice President. I have been a member at Calvary since 1983. I grew up in Thief River Falls, lived in the Twin Cities for a couple years before moving to Bemidji. I worked for the BRIC special education cooperative for 33 years and retired in 2016. Since retiring, I have been working part time as a trainer with the Minnesota Centers of Excellence for Young Children with Disabilities. My husband Doug and I are joyfully enjoying our new roles as grandparents of three grandchildren and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our fourth grandchild in early March.

When I reflect on my time at Calvary, I have had many great opportunities to serve. I have been a Sunday School & VBS teacher, confirmation guide, adult leader/chaperone with high school youth, worked with Servants of Shelter and Calvary Alive Clean Up and participated on many boards and committees over the years.

### **WHAT I HAVE LEARNED**

- Faith is a journey and each opportunity to serve deepens my relationship with God.
- Pray daily - Share your joys, fears, struggles and concerns. It is time well spent!
- Service is something you "get" to do, not "have" to do.
- God is always faithful. I sometimes forget to look for God in my struggles, but when I remind myself to look, I am comforted by the many God moments that continue to sustain me daily.
- It's important to worship in community - Our faith community both supports us and challenges us to look at how our human beliefs and attitudes intersect with Jesus' message.
- Support the church financially - Not just once a year, but on a regular basis, even if doesn't seem like it's enough. Regular giving is a spiritual discipline and another way we serve God.

Thanks for your support of Calvary's Vision for 2020! I can be reached at [kwilliams@calvarybemidji.org](mailto:kwilliams@calvarybemidji.org).



# 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-Mar Carol Berg, Bobbi Moen, Emily Naegeli, Mikel Forsberg  
02-Mar Nancy Schiltz, Leanne Jaskowiak, Krista Lillo, Ashley Pirkl, Claire Evje  
03-Mar Bernie Folkert, Billie Farr, Kasey Stokes, Berklee Anderson  
04-Mar Elizabeth Eriksen, Craig Collison, Bridget Tews, Suzie Port, Jeff Farr, Allison Garrigan, Olive Minske  
05-Mar Chad Wulff, Garrett Tisdell, Paul Fenner, Caitlin Orgon, Kodee Paulson, Brooklynn McKinnon, Iris Coauette  
06-Mar Nathan Alto  
07-Mar Thomas Sand, Tim Port  
08-Mar Debbie Braaten, Roxie Schumacher, Alexie Tatro, Jack Hildenbrand, Kase Olsen  
09-Mar Della Mayer, Bob Honl, Susan Anderson, Chase Hendricks  
10-Mar Anna Garrigan, Kayla Henrickson, Wendy Mellema  
11-Mar Dick Labraaten, Shari Sorenson, Elizabeth Bolte, Wynne Trepanier, Declan Klegstad  
12-Mar Arla Fricke, Linda Chattin, Leonore Potter, Anna Hamann, Amber Smith  
13-Mar Gordon Pierce, Dale Rader  
14-Mar Brady Hagman, Adeline Rohde  
15-Mar Rod Gunderson, Justin Erickson, Sally Christensen  
16-Mar Rodney Starkey, Tiffany Fettig  
17-Mar Rae Potter, John Selisker, Kim Kusler, Ray Holm, Britney Bennett, Kellen Tharaldson  
18-Mar Sophie Warrick, Stella Christensen  
19-Mar Chip Holt, Todd Frauenholtz, Tami Jo Olson, Miles Erickson, Emma Rohde  
20-Mar Bonnie Jevning, Jill Wendland, Billy Nelson-Splichal, Mercedes Moulton, Samuel Pfremer, Cierra Olson  
21-Mar Trent Senenfelder, Ella Hommes  
22-Mar Marge Huewe, Janice Dagen, Randy Strowbridge, Patti Port, Eric Potter, Mitch Eickman, Caleb Klinke  
23-Mar Cliff Hill, Deb Bartz, Emma Shaw, Catherine Netland  
24-Mar Gabriel Schwarzlander, Hattie Rader, Olivia Swedberg  
25-Mar Ryan Rautio, Xavier Piller, Lucas Gack, Logan Wilcox, Anika Harmsen, Max Markert, Brooklyn Supalla  
26-Mar Roger Hare, Becky Walberg, Clara Sand  
27-Mar Katie Sanford, Brett Tharaldson  
28-Mar Florence Lundmark, Suzanne Sorenson, Eric Naig, Beth Brady, Aubrey Meyer, Brooklyn Rognstad, James Trepanier  
29-Mar Dennis DePew, Carrie Melberg, Archer Roberts, Joelle Woods  
30-Mar Lynn Boyer, Peyton Carlstrom, Brooke Kemp, Jack Zellmann, Braysen Jones, Hazel Kingery  
31-Mar Kevin Cease, Justin Wubbels, Miranda Carlson, Dylan Woods

## Centering Prayer

Please join us for Centering Prayer for 6 weeks during Lent.

Centering prayer is a silent, meditative prayer that helps us experience a deeper, personal relationship with God. We will meet in Room 1 on Mondays from 1-2:00 pm, from March 2 through April 6!

This event will be led by Ron Gladen, Pr. Jeremiah, and Vicar Daphne. All are welcome to participate in this spiritual discipline!

## Calvary's New Book Club

Monday, March 16 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Lounge, here at Calvary! All are welcome! Please bring the book to discuss and you're welcome to bring a dish from the book to share. We'll be discussing, "The Potluck Club" by Linda Evans Shepherd and Eva Marie Everson.

Please join our facebook group, "Calvary Book Club". The more the merrier! Contact Vicar Daphne Urban at [vicardaphne@calvarybemidji.org](mailto:vicardaphne@calvarybemidji.org).

## HAPPENINGS

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY**  
Perkins Restaurant, Weds., 6:30 am

**CALVARY WOMEN'S COFFEE BREAK**  
Calvary Lounge - Final Saturday each month at 7:00 am - All Women Welcome!

**GATHER BIBLE STUDY**  
Every other Thurs. at 11:00 am - Room 1  
Contact Vicar Daphne (751-1893)  
Materials will be provided to you!

**MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** at Calvary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. each month, 1:30 pm

**HOPE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** at Calvary, 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. each month, 9:30 am.  
Led by Linda Arnold - 759-9702

**MARIGOLD CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://sarahbendorf.zumba.com)  
Find her on Facebook w/ [Sarah B Zumba](https://www.facebook.com/SarahBZumba)

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

**CRAFTERS** at Calvary, 7:00 pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month. Contact Cheryl with any questions - 368-3098

# MARCH 2020

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| <p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30 AM <b>Worship</b><br/>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship - Cinnamon Rolls<br/>9:00 AM Sunday School for PK-grade 2<br/>10:00 AM <b>Worship</b><br/>10:30 AM Sunday School for PK - grade 2<br/>5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p>   | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Marigold Circle (in members homes)<br/>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lenten Centering Prayer<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 82</p>  | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:00 AM - 10:30 AM MTL Staff Meeting<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous<br/><b>at Noon</b><br/>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM <b>Lenten Worship</b><br/>3:30 PM No Kingdom Kids<br/>5:30 PM - 6:10 PM <b>Calvary Alive Meal</b><br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Strengthening Families<br/>6:15 PM <b>Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship</b> Confirmation/Lent Mentoring<br/>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:15 PM <b>YO Youth Club</b><br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p> | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>PS Conferences - evening<br/>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/>10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study<br/>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM <b>Lenten Worship at Noon</b><br/>3:30 PM No Kingdom Kids<br/>5:30 PM - 6:10 PM <b>Calvary Alive Meal</b><br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Strengthening Families<br/>6:15 PM <b>Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship</b> Confirmation/Lent Mentoring<br/>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:15 PM <b>YO Youth Club</b><br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>                                      | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>No Preschool/Yes Childcare Preschool Conferences<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilling Ministry Team<br/>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM GiftShare at Evangelical Free Church<br/>6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>  | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>No Preschool/Yes Childcare<br/>8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Security Update of Alarm.com hardware - Alarms will sound</b><br/>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p> | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Jamaica Missionaries Return<br/>8:15 AM - 9:00 AM Kangoo Jumps<br/>Exercise Class with Leah Hendricks</p>  |
| <p><b>8</b></p>  <p>Daylight-Saving Time Begins<br/>8:30 AM <b>Worship</b><br/>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship<br/>9:00 AM Sunday School for PK-grade 2<br/>10:00 AM <b>Worship</b><br/>10:30 AM Sunday School for PK - grade 2<br/>11:30 AM Zumba with Sarah<br/>5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p>  | <p><b>9</b></p> <p>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lenten Centering Prayer<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 82</p>  | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>Preschool Staff Meeting<br/>9:00 AM - 10:30 AM MTL Staff Meeting<br/>9:15 AM - 3:30 PM Northwoods Homeschool<br/>9:45 AM - 10:00 AM Preschool Chapel<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>  | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/>9:45 AM - 10:30 AM Preschool Chapel<br/>10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study<br/>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM <b>Lenten Worship at Noon</b><br/>3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Kingdom Kids<br/>5:30 PM - 6:10 PM <b>Calvary Alive Meal</b><br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Strengthening Families<br/>6:15 PM <b>Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship</b> Confirmation/Lent Mentoring<br/>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:15 PM <b>YO Youth Club</b><br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>                   | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilling Ministry Team<br/>9:15 AM - 3:30 PM Northwoods Homeschool<br/>11:00 AM - 12:30 PM "Gather" Bible Study with Vicar Daphne<br/>2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool Teddy Bear Picnic<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM GiftShare at Evangelical Free Church<br/>6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal<br/>6:30 PM - 8:45 PM Boy Scouts Round Table<br/>6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal<br/>6:30 PM BeniJifil Conference Meeting @ 1st Lutheran</p> | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball<br/>2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool Teddy Bear Picnic<br/>4:30 PM - 8:30 PM TrekNoth Chili Cook Off &amp; Talent Show<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>    | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor</p>  |
| <p><b>15</b></p>  <p>Pie Day - Foundation Fundraiser<br/>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship - Pie Day Auction and Fundraiser<br/>9:00 AM Sunday School for PK-grade 2<br/>10:00 AM <b>Worship</b><br/>10:30 AM Zumba with Sarah<br/>11:30 AM - 8:30 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p>  | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lenten Centering Prayer<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Quilling in Room 7<br/>9:30 AM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Calvary Book Club with Vicar Daphne<br/>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 82</p>                            | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:00 AM - 10:30 AM MTL Staff Meeting<br/>9:15 AM - 3:30 PM Northwoods Homeschool<br/>9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Hope Circle<br/>1:30 PM Martha Circle<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>   | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction Begins &amp; runs through 4/5<br/>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/>10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study<br/>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM <b>Lenten Worship at Noon</b><br/>3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Kingdom Kids<br/>5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Calvary Council (3rd Wednesday)<br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Strengthening Families<br/>6:15 PM <b>Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship</b> Confirmation/Lent Mentoring<br/>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:15 PM <b>Youth Club</b><br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p> | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilling Ministry Team<br/>9:15 AM - 3:30 PM Northwoods Homeschool<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM GiftShare at Evangelical Free Church<br/>6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>  | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball<br/>12:00 PM Decade Group - Lunch at Giovanni's<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>   | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>8:15 AM - 9:00 AM Kangoo Jumps<br/>Exercise Class with Leah Hendricks<br/>12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Erickson Birthday Party</p> |
| <p><b>22</b></p>  <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ASI Meeting<br/>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lenten Centering Prayer<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>9:00 PM - 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 82</p> <p><b>23</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ASI Meeting<br/>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lenten Centering Prayer<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>9:00 PM - 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 82</p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>8:30 AM <b>Worship - Jamaica Mission Trip</b><br/>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship<br/>9:00 AM Sunday School for PK-grade 2<br/>10:00 AM <b>Worship - Jamaica Mission Trip</b><br/>10:30 AM Sunday School for PK - grade 2<br/>11:30 AM Zumba with Sarah<br/>5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p> | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>9:00 AM - 10:30 AM MTL Staff Meeting<br/>1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Northwoods Homeschool<br/>12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Staff Wellness<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Staff Tuck<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/>10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study<br/>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM <b>Lenten Worship at Noon</b><br/>3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Kingdom Kids<br/>5:30 PM - 6:10 PM <b>Calvary Alive Meal</b><br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Strengthening Families<br/>6:15 PM <b>Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship</b> Confirmation/Lent Mentoring<br/>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:15 PM <b>Youth Club</b><br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>         | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilling Ministry Team<br/>9:15 AM - 3:30 PM Northwoods Homeschool<br/>11:00 AM - 12:30 PM "Gather" Bible Study with Vicar Daphne<br/>2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool Green Eggs &amp; Ham Activity<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM GiftShare at Evangelical Free Church<br/>6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>  | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball<br/>2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool Green Eggs &amp; Ham Activity<br/>5:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>  | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>7:00 AM Calvary Women's Coffee Break</p>  |   |
| <p><b>29</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>8:30 AM <b>Worship</b><br/>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship<br/>9:00 AM Sunday School for PK-grade 2<br/>10:00 AM <b>Worship</b><br/>10:30 AM Sunday School for PK - grade 2<br/>11:30 AM Zumba with Sarah<br/>2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Sons of Norway Meeting<br/>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Via de Cristo Renewal Group<br/>5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Northwind Martial Arts</p>   | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lenten Centering Prayer<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 82</p>  | <p><b>31</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Resilient Community Presentation<br/>9:00 AM - 10:30 AM MTL Staff Meeting<br/>9:15 AM - 3:30 PM Northwoods Homeschool<br/>4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Just for Kix<br/>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>   | <p><b>1</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/>10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study<br/>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM <b>Lenten Worship at Noon</b><br/>3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Kingdom Kids<br/>5:30 PM - 6:10 PM <b>Calvary Alive Meal</b><br/>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Strengthening Families<br/>6:15 PM <b>Calvary Alive Contemporary Worship</b> Confirmation/Lent Mentoring<br/>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:15 PM <b>Youth Club</b><br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>                                      | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilling Ministry Team<br/>9:15 AM - 3:30 PM Northwoods Homeschool<br/>11:00 AM - 12:30 PM "Gather" Bible Study with Vicar Daphne<br/>2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool Green Eggs &amp; Ham Activity<br/>4:30 PM - 9:30 PM Just for Kix<br/>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM GiftShare at Evangelical Free Church<br/>6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal<br/>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Preschool Open House</p>   | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Friday Men's Basketball<br/>8:00 PM AA - Pine Tree Mtg</p>  | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Youth Silent Auction<br/>Basketball</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.

**2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERING MINISTRY PARTNER - BEMIDJI COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF  
AS PART OF MINNESOTA FOODSHARE'S MARCH CAMPAIGN**

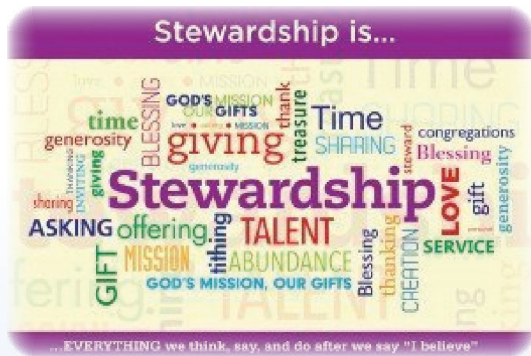
God cares about physical hunger as well as spiritual hunger. For that reason, Calvary continues to partner faithfully with the Bemidji Community Food Shelf. This March, we join food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. Minnesota's charitable food system (food shelves and food banks, meal programs, etc.) continues to run at capacity. Supporting government programs like SNAP ("food stamps") and creating a more just and equitable food system are integral parts of meeting the needs of food insecure households and working toward ending hunger in our communities.

This year, Calvary is striving to reach our contribution pledge of \$4,000 to be donated to the Bemidji Community Food Shelf. These funds will be used to ensure that our friends and neighbors in the Bemidji area don't have to spend their days hungry and searching for food. Keep an eye out for our many donation opportunities this month and contribute to our second offering during our services to lend a helping hand. Let's all pitch in for a good cause in our area! If you would like to help those in need, please bring nonperishable items for our local food shelf and/or monetary donations throughout March. Together, we can ensure #FoodForAllMN - Thank you for giving so generously!



Partnership is more than money! Thanks to the many Calvary people who volunteer on a regular basis at the food shelf. To volunteer at the food shelf with our Calvary team, call Shirley Olson at 444-6676. To share a meal with hungry people (and aren't we all hungry sometimes?), come for supper at the Community Table (formerly known as the soup kitchen,) served Monday through Thursday from 5:00-6:00 pm. (Monday and Tuesday at Mt. Zion and Wednesday and Thursday at the United Methodist Church).

*This month's needs for God's treasure chest: Non-perishable food items. While we will take a second offering one Wednesday and one Sunday per month (March 8 & 11), 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.*



**Why Do We Eat Soup During Lent?**

Lent is the season for embracing self-discipline and simplicity. We choose not to eat as much or the same as we might during other times of the year as a way of remembering that we do not live on bread alone. This is an act of penance in keeping with the Lenten season. It helps us to acknowledge, even in the context of abundance, that our deepest hunger is for God.

**March Calvary Alive Meals:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Lent Soup - Beef Barley
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Lent Soup - Chicken Wild Rice
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Lent Soup - Chili
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Lent Soup - Potato Corn Chowder

If you would like to volunteer for this great ministry, or even help cook, please contact Karin Harrison! You can obtain more information or sign up to help in the office, or by emailing [kharrison@calvarybemidji.org](mailto:kharrison@calvarybemidji.org).

**Rural Revival**

It's a tradition in rural communities across the Midwest; People weathered hardship by being there for each other – neighbor for neighbor. When times get tough, we draw together and reclaim our sources of hope: our faith in Jesus Christ, our resilient communities and services, our legacy of being there for each other.



Come and experience a revival of hope in our heartland featuring Red River Worship! Discover best practices for moving forward in stressful times! Hear an encouraging message of being there – God for us and all of us for one another – neighbor for neighbor!

- Concordia Lutheran in Fertile on Sunday, March 15 at 7:00 pm
- Grace in Hallock on Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 pm

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

| January                  | Income          | Expenses  |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| <b>General Fund</b> .... | \$62,591 .....  | \$74,675  |
| <b>Y-T-D</b> .....       | \$62,591 .....  | \$74,675  |
| <b>Preschool</b> .....   | \$23,572 .....  | \$38,407  |
| <b>Y-T-D</b> .....       | \$197,535 ..... | \$195,093 |

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

**Cash & Receivables** ..... \$64,936

**January Ministry Partner:**

Churches United:..... \$2,294

**Calvary Foundation Balance:** ..... \$40,439



## *Pie Day!*

Calvary Lutheran Foundation will once again be hosting a Pie Day Auction on Sunday, March 15!

The pie auction will raise money for impact event scholarships (seminary scholarships, mission trips, and more!) We are in need of pies! If you would like to bake one and donate it, please let us know in the church office.



## *Conference Synod Assembly*

At First Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 pm. We will be conducting pre-assembly planning and creating a strategic plan for synod. All are welcome!

## *Daylight Saving Time*



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead for Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 am!

Spring out of bed with excitement as we spring an hour ahead! We hope to see you all at services on time that Sunday!

## *Thrivent Choice Dollars*

Don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars before the end of March! This month is the last chance to do so for your 2019 Choice Dollars! Calvary would be blessed to receive those investment dollars to help us fulfill our charitable and financial obligations.

Contact your Thrivent Financial representative and direct your dollars today!



## *Youth Silent Auction*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18-SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

Calvary's youth are working hard to provide the folks of Calvary with wonderful items on which to bid during the Youth Silent Auction. This year's Youth Auction will begin on Wednesday, March 18 and run through Sunday, April 5. Come see what they come up with and bid on some amazing items to help raise funds for Calvary mission trips!

If you would like to donate an auction item, please bring it to the Calvary office to be registered. All proceeds go to support the missions of Calvary's youth!



## *First Communion Milestone*

4<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parents are invited to join us Sunday, April 5 for first communion instruction.

We will gather in the fellowship hall after worship at 11:15 am and learn together about the Sacrament of Holy Communion! 4<sup>th</sup> graders will then receive their first communion as part of Maundy Thursday worship on Thursday, April 9 at 6:15. More information and registrations will be mailed to 4th grade families.

Please contact Kim Warren ([kwarren@calvarybemidji.org](mailto:kwarren@calvarybemidji.org)) in the church office with questions.

## *Save the Date: Preschool Open House!*

Part of Calvary's Vision Statement is to grow disciples. This is a part of Calvary Preschool's Vision Statement as well: To be a premier preschool recognized for empowering our students to be academic leaders and faithful disciples. On Thursday, April 2, at 6:00 pm we are inviting families to see what Calvary's preschool has to offer their child. There will be a short information session and a time to tour our facility and meet the preschool staff. If you or someone you know is interested but needs more information, please don't hesitate to contact Joan at 751-1893.



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