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In Person Vacation Bible School!

AUGUST 2-6

Calvary is excited to offer VBS in person this summer! Students entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, are invited to join us at Calvary the first week in August (8/2-8/6), from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, for a week filled with fun, games, music, crafts, activities, and MUCH more! Pre-registration is REQUIRED for any who plan to attend, and the deadline to register is Sunday, July 25! Don't miss out on the fun, **click here** to visit our VBS webpage and register TODAY! Please consider volunteering your time for this fun event ~ we have just the spot for you! Please contact Vicar Daphne (vicardaphne@calvarybemidji.org) or Kim Warren (kwarren@calvarybemidji.org) to volunteer or ask questions.

2021 VBS THEME - PRESS PLAY: GET IN THE MIX

Something remarkable can happen when a child starts learning to see themselves the way God sees them. To us, that's real confidence. This summer, we're planning a VBS that encourages every child to know that, because of Jesus, they can have confidence because...

They are known. They belong. They are forgiven. They can change. They can make a difference.

MEMORY VERSE:

PRESS ▶ PLAY
GET IN THE MIX

"My command is this:
Love each other as
I have loved you."

JOHN 15:12, NIV

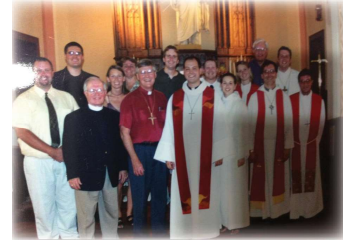
Reflect Well

PASTOR GENELLE'S SABBATICAL

Summer is the time that A LOT of milestone ministry happens. In the church, the weekly programming is not our reality throughout the summer, but so many activities are planned that bring families and faith together over the summer months. Pastors are a key piece of these gatherings. Pastor Genelle has been involved in many ordination milestones. She has presided at 100's of weddings, baptisms, and anniversary gatherings. The weekends get gobbled



up quickly in the summer! While most Northern Minnesotans are enjoying time at the lake on the weekends, pastors are busy being a part of celebrations like these. This sabbatical has allowed Pastor Genelle some focused time with her family and extended family.



Pastor Genelle has been on a road trip with each of her kids individually and has had 2 trips with the entire family. This has been treasured, uninterrupted time that her kids have been especially thankful for.

SAVE THE DATE FOR PASTOR GENELLE'S 20 YEAR CELEBRATION! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 12 as we offer an open house celebration of 20 years of ordination for Pastor Genelle. Expect to come and enjoy memories of all kinds, some served snacks and drinks as well as some special guests! Your well wishes, offerings, and memories will be used as we celebrate being the church together!

Here are some ways you can help us celebrate Pr. Genelle: Send a card/letter/memory/photo to sabbatical@calvarybemidji.org for the scrapbook. Send your memories or well wishes through text to 218-766-3211 to be featured in a video. Send a donation to reach our \$20,000 fundraiser in her honor.

We will be collecting stories and donations through August 1, 2021.

Farewell to Vicar Daphne

Join us Sunday August 8 at the 8:30 am service for a farewell blessing to our Vicar Daphne Urban. She has been with us two years now, including through the pandemic, and we want to thank her for sharing her spiritual gifts and time with us. We will present her with a gift from the congregation and we also encourage individual cards and notes. Vicar Daphne will continue her seminary classes and will graduate in December.



Organ Update

The power supply has been ordered, and should be received by July 1! It will then be installed, and we are all praying loudly that the organ will be fixed! Thanks to all who gave specifically to this appeal!

Come and Worship!

Sundays 8:30 am and Wednesdays 6:30 pm! We are worshipping God together in our sanctuary, and it feels so wonderful! We will also continue to livestream worship on YouTube (shared on Facebook and our website) for those that cannot worship in person.

Volunteers Needed

As we continue to transition to being 'back in the building' so to speak, we will be expanding our list of worship volunteers ~ **Communion Assistants** (will be masked and gloved) and **Hosts/Ushers** to help with greeting and collection of gifts and offering. Please let us know if you can help in these areas as we serve one another as part of God's community.

We are also in need of **Audio/Visual Assistants** to help with our worship/livestream. We really do need two people at the sound desk to run worship (both internal and livestream) smoothly. This would be a great opportunity for confirmation students and parents, or a high school student. Ideally, we would schedule people to help twice per month, assuming we get more volunteers. Come learn and grow with us!

Praise Team Members ~ Please reach out to Shar if you are interested in being part of our Praise Team. We will be leading both Wednesdays and Sundays, so it would be great to have a large pool of musicians! We have a great time in fellowship and making music to honor our God!

S.H.E.D Raffle Update

Thank you to all who purchased tickets for our S.H.E.D. raffle! We had our random drawing on Sunday, June 20, and the winner is Eileen Spillman! Congratulations to Eileen for the win, and to our congregation for the benefits we received. Not only for the money we raised to support our technology needs (upgrading meeting spaces, computer and video equipment for recording and livestreaming), but our increased interaction with our wider Bemidji community! Thank you to Randy Frisk for doing all the 'moving around town', and to our little committee ~ you know who you are!

Bemidji Area Church Musicians (BACM) Summer Recital Series.

Come and listen to our recitals in person! We began in person presentations on Wednesday, June 30, and it was so good to be able to support our musicians and our community together in person! We will continue to livestream our recitals to the Bemidji Area Church Musicians YouTube channel, and they will also be shared on BACM and Calvary's Facebook page. Also - tune in to Lakeland Public Television on Saturdays at 4:30 pm, and Sundays at 10:00 am, to see recordings of the entire season weekly, starting on July 3-4! Thanks to LPTV for agreeing that music is an important gift to share with our community members that are not able to otherwise access these recitals.

Summer Baptism at Calvary

We are now offering baptism as a part of our in person worship services. If you are interested in having your child baptized at Calvary this summer, please contact Kim Warren (kwarren@calvarybemidji.org) in the church office for more information or to schedule a baptism.

2ND OFFERING MINISTRY PARTNER - NORTHWOODS CAREGIVERS AND LSS

Our congregation and community include people of all ages. This month, our ministry partners are organizations that connect with and serve elders in our community. Meals on Wheels is a program that delivers meals to people in their homes; it's one of many programs through Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. Northwoods Caregivers provides respite care, shopping help, transportation, and many other services for neighbors who can use this assistance. Calvary is a long-time supporter of both of these vital ministries.



Remember: partnership is more than money! We're particularly in need of volunteers to assist with Meals on Wheels. You can contact Cindy Filipi to help deliver meals (218) 201-0174. To help with Northwoods Caregivers, please visit their website (northwoodscaregivers.org) to find out how you can lend a hand.

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers Needed

Calvary delivers Meals on Wheels Monday through Friday once every two months. Since the pandemic began, we lost some of our volunteers, making it difficult to fill in the routes for the week we are to deliver. We are seeking volunteers to drive delivery routes. If we get enough folks, we will be able to rotate and not have to deliver every time. There are three routes in Bemidji, a map is provided and it takes about an hour and a half to complete. Some folks do it everyday that week, some do a few days, whatever your time allows you to give. Keep in mind, a lot of these folks are shut-ins and you could be the only person they see all day. We make their day, how rewarding is that?! It makes you feel good in your heart! Those interested please call Cindy Filipi - (218) 201-0174.

Bemidji Church Softball League Games

Come and cheer on Calvary's softball team as they play other local church teams. Calvary plays Thursday evenings at the Bemidji City Park, located on 23rd St. NW near the Curling Club Arena. This year, every team in the league plays at the City Fields together. This provides an amazing opportunity for fun and fellowship between each of the churches that are involved. Come join to hundreds of participants that show up to enjoy softball every week!

Game schedule: 7/1 at 6:30 and 7:30 pm, 7/8 at 7:30 and 8:30 pm, 7/15 at 6:30 and 7:30 pm, 7/22 at 6:30 and 8:30 pm, 7/29 at 6:30 and 7:30 pm, 7/29 at 6:30 and 7:30 pm, and 8/5 at 7:30 and 8:30 pm. Play-offs begin 8/12, check enews for play-off schedule.

Calvary Clubs

Theology Club is meeting on the 2nd & 4th Thursday evenings through September, 7-8:00 pm HYBRID style - in the Calvary lounge, and on Zoom!! The group is watching a video and discussion series titled: "Why I am a Lutheran". Interested in joining? Please contact Becky Bergquist (bergquistbecky@gmail.com) and/or Vicar Daphne Urban for more information.

Gather Bible Study is meeting on Thursdays, July 1, 15 and 29: 11:00-12:30 pm on zoom AND in person (hybrid), utilizing the WELCA Gather Magazine Bible Study. Please come, all are welcome!

Happy 1 year Anniversary to the **Care Cards Ministry!!!** - these people continue to write cards of hope, encouragement, prayers, birthdays and inspiration to Calvary members. Please contact Vicar Daphne if you'd like to join this letter writing team!

Contact Vicar Daphne for more information on these clubs, to get the zoom links, or just to say hello: vicardaphne@calvarybemidji.org

See Calvary's July Birthdays Here!

[View this newsletter on the web and follow this link to see who to wish a happy birthday this month!](#)

Calvary Lutheran Foundation 2021 Scholarship Recipients.

Below is a list of recipients that were awarded a \$300 scholarship to their respective schools, with three colleges matching those funds. Congratulations!

- Dylan Thomas - St. Olaf College (matching)
- Connor Fettig - Concordia College, Moorhead (matching)
- Ryan Rautio - Michigan Technological University
- Anna Garrigan - Bemidji State University
- Lindsey Hildenbrand - Concordia College, Moorhead (matching)
- Mattie Snyder - Luther College (matching)
- Lizzy Wadena - University of MN, Morris
- Trevor Loewe - University of MN, Twin Cities
- Ryan Bieberdorf - Moorhead State University
- Tanner Hatfield - Bemidji State University
- Britney Bennett - St. Cloud State University

Remember to designate your donations to the Calvary Foundation. The Foundation uses funds for yearly college scholarships, as well as scholarships for Bible camp and mission trips.

High School Mission Trip JULY 24-31

Saturday, July 24, we will send out 20 mission trip participants to Benton Harbor, MI. The group led by Pr. Genelle includes: Ethan Biggin, Ben Frauenholtz, Natalie Harrison, Mia Hoffmann, Maddie Heck, Catherine Netland, Zach Roberts, Joel Roberts, Beth Bolte, Corrin Frenzel, Ryan Loewe, Elizabeth Oster, Allison Hatfield, Kate Hildenbrand, Esi Lotsu, Jody Pemberton, Dylan Thomas, and adult leaders Nicholle Bieberdorf and Mitch Eickman. Please keep these missionaries in your prayers as they prepare to serve God and have fun in Benton Harbor, MI!

FINANCIAL REPORT

7 MONTH FISCAL YEAR - JANUARY TO JULY

May	Income	YTD	Expense	YTD
General Fund	\$54,655	\$296,345	\$51,771	\$308,141
<small>(General Income Y-T-D Includes PPP Grants of \$20,227)</small>				
Preschool	\$32,129	\$175,582	\$28,421	\$138,370
<small>(Preschool Income Y-T-D Includes State of MN Grants Totaling \$40,000)</small>				

Cash, Receivables, & Savings \$401,428

May Ministry Partner: BSU Lutheran Campus Ministry \$910

Calvary Foundation Balance: \$46,229

**Needed each week to support the budget is \$15,000.*

Calvary's Annual Meeting!

WHEN: 9:30 AM SUNDAY, JULY 11TH

WHERE: IN PERSON IN THE SANCTUARY - OR - VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM - [CLICK HERE TO REQUEST A ZOOM LINK](#)

DETAILS: PLEASE ATTEND IN WHICHEVER WAY YOU FEEL MOST COMFORTABLE.

Didn't we just do this?! Why yes, yes we did. But, as a reminder, we met in March to approve, among other matters, a partial budget as we began moving to a fiscal year operation. Now, as our fiscal year runs from August through July, in better alignment with our programmatic year, we need to approve the budget and other matters for the full fiscal year ahead.

The agenda will be as follows:

- Approval of the Annual Meeting minutes from Sunday, March 7, 2021
- Election of members to the Calvary Church Council
- Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget
- Ratification of changes to the Constitution
- Ratification of changes to the Bylaws

All associated documents are posted on the Calvary website at CalvaryBemidji.org. We would kindly ask that you take some time in the weeks ahead to familiarize yourself with the items up for approval and to note any questions you might have. The Church Council will certainly provide ample time for questions and discussion.

The budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 was developed with three staffing assumptions:

1. We will not call a third pastor in FY21-22.

This is due to a number of reasons, including:

- a. General fund contributions (e.g. offering/donations) at this time have not been high enough to make such a decision financially prudent.
 - b. Calvary will be embarking on a Strategic Planning process later this year through which we anticipate – and need – congregational input and involvement to establish what our priorities and goals are for the next 3-5 years.
 - c. We need to obtain an accurate count of our membership, post-COVID, to determine the size and staffing needs for our congregation.
2. We will be hiring a second, part-time custodian position. While we have been able to limp along during COVID with one part-time custodial position, as we prepare to more broadly reopen the church, it has become evident that more intentional building maintenance is needed, as well as more consistent cleaning to ready spaces for facility use.
 3. We will contract for a part-time AVT (audio-visual-technology) and social media presence person. We have contracted some of this work in recent months and we have seen its positive impact on our livestreaming and online offerings, so we have budgeted to fill that part-time need.

Again, the full budget is available for your viewing and we would highly encourage and welcome your feedback and response.

We would also like to highlight here are our nominations for the new Calvary Church Council. We thank our outgoing Council Members for their time and leadership during extremely difficult times, and we look forward with excitement to the energy and expertise this new Council will bring to Calvary as we turn the page to a new chapter.

President:	Nicholle Bieberdorf
Vice President:	Kim Williams
Treasurer:	Garrett Tisdell
At-large Members:	Jim Molde
	Len Ochowicz
	Sara Moran

These individuals bring a diverse set of strengths, experiences, and perspectives which we feel will serve Calvary extremely well. They will join existing At-large Members: Ashley Brue, Mitch Eickman, and Larry Kent.

As for the Constitution and Bylaws, these revisions are two-vote processes. Our congregation already voted once to support the changes in the first reading in March; these are the second necessary votes for that action. No additional changes have been proposed.

Again, please visit the website to examine the pertinent materials.

And, please, if you are at all able, join us for the Annual Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 11, in person or by Zoom - [Click here to get a Zoom link](#).



Making All Things NEW – 2021-22 Theme

The 2021-22 Calvary theme comes from the book of Revelation 21:5. *And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."* What are you seeing NEW in your life or faith? OR How are you experiencing God's presence in a NEW way?