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"Memories of Minnesota"

A REFLECTION ON HER RECENT TRAVELS BY PASTOR SUSAN TJORNEHOJ

Dear siblings in Christ, friends and neighbors of Calvary,

"Minder af Minnesota" (danish). We had just ridden our bicycles from one end of an island called Aero to the other. The morning began with an early breakfast at an inn in Faaborg, Denmark. Breads and coffee, cheeses and marmalades, fresh strawberries and cucumbers and tomatoes, smør (butter), soft-cooked eggs, some herring and lox, always the same and always good. Since I was 12, I had dreamed of the day I would ride a bicycle onto a ferry in Denmark. This was the day. Between excitement and selfies, when it was finally time to board, we discovered it was the wrong ferry! Undeterred, we scurried to the proper ferry, grateful for our good fortune, rode triumphant onto the boat, dream fulfilled.

In a little over an hour, we arrived and began our daily routine of following our printed itinerary: ride 1,5 km to Norrebyvej, turn right onto Bjorsgaardengade, follow this for 3,2 km, then, then, then, and so it went each day. Today we pedaled along with the sea at our left and farms and forests everywhere else. Fields of barley and wheat, ditches filled with wildflowers and roses and wild rhubarb, fields red with poppies, the yellows of the old farmhouses, thatched roofs were testimony to a people in love with their land. After a day's ride, we arrived in Aeroskobing with time to walk, receive the hospitality of the Danes and await another ferry which would take us to our new home for the night in Svendborg. For the first time, we were able to catch our breath and enter a small shop on the harbor. Americans were a rarity, so the women at the register took extra time with us. Most people we met had no idea where Minnesota, much less Bemidji was, but this woman was delighted. Her in-laws had immigrated to Minnesota, spent most of their life there, but came *home* to the farm and named it in Danish *"Minder af Minnesota."*

In just a few days we will leave the month of June and enter into July of 2022. The fireworks have already begun, exploration of freedom and independence a priority, families are gathering, the shock at the gas pump will deter some but mostly this country will use these days for vacations and reunion and weddings and recreation. Going, *home*, coming *home*, moving *home*, finding *home*, memories will be rehearsed and like the farm on an island in Denmark, there will be *"Memories of Minnesota."*

These few weeks away have provided this pastor the time and space to ponder such things as *home*. From discovering the farms and churches which shaped my Swedish great and great great grandparents, imagining their journeys to this strange country and pedaling my way into Haarby where my grandpa grew up, enjoying time with my Danish kindred that never left, preaching at the wedding of my former Associate Pastor in Baltimore, buying a *home* in St. Paul on our way *home* to Bemidji, what in the world and where in the world is *home*? Driving by Calvary (harder to see in the summer by the way!) on the way to Waville Road, my residence since December, it was clear, this is *home*. It is greener and lusher than I have ever seen it. Walking out on our deck I had to fight spider webs and stuck seeds, but Staff meeting and updates and a trip to the co-op and meat market and a closet and a newsletter article due indicate this is *home* and it is good, and it is familiar.

That is what the church, congregations like Calvary provide: a space that is familiar, that is big enough to contain the many threads and narratives of people's lives, find the strands fascinating and then create a unique tapestry of the living and those saints still very much alive in Christ. Scripture spends chapters, once in Hebrew, once Greek, probably Aramaic too, now in every language spoken on earth, tending and speaking of *home*: longing for *home*, going *home*, finding a *home*, making a *home*. Finally, it is in the arms of Jesus where we rest, *home* at last, abiding in the abundance of grace and compassion and joy and delight. Which means, wherever we are, we are *home*, at *home* in the Body of Christ.

See you in worship! Can't wait for the energy of Vacation Bible School in the last week of July, to send off our mission team to Philadelphia, make *"Memories of Minnesota"* and stretch the boundaries of *home*. Please continue to support the vibrant ministry of Calvary while you are in town and when you are away. For each of you, for the amazing staff and Council, I give thanks.

With gratitude and hope,
Susan Tjornehoj, Interim Senior Pastor

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Vacation Bible School!

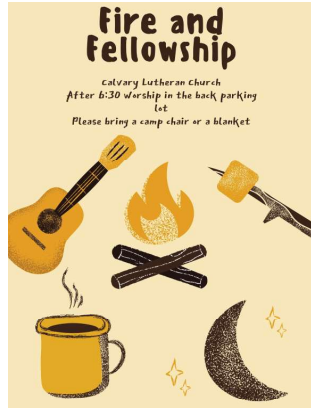
JULY 25-29

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Students entering Kindergarten through completed 5th grade, are invited to join us at Calvary the last week in July (25-29), from 9:00 to 11:00 am, for a week filled with fun, games, music, activities, and MUCH more! Don't miss the train! Visit our [VBS web page](#) and click on the registration link to register today! Please consider volunteering your time/talents for this fun week ~ we have just the spot for you! Please contact [Kim Warren](#) to volunteer or ask questions.



Fire and Fellowship

Hey everyone! We have been having so much fun around the campfire after our Sunday evening 6:30 pm worship service! Come for the s'mores, come for the music, or just come for the fun! Maybe your family could 'man' the fire and help with s'mores for the evening? Let us know if you can help! In case the weather doesn't cooperate, we will have some songs and fellowship in the fellowship hall after worship. It's great to connect with your church family!



Coffee Fellowship Help!

With the summer worship schedule in full swing, we would like to have people sign up to host coffee fellowship time 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after our 9:00 am worship service. Set up would include preparing coffee and setting out treats by 8:30 am ~ attend worship ~ finish serving coffee/treats by 10:30 am and clean up the kitchen. You can make and bring treats or use provided packaged treats, sign up as a family or join with another couple! We have quite a few open Sundays to serve. Contact [Kim Warren](#) to sign up to serve each other in this fun and meaningful way.

Summer Baptism at Calvary

If you are interested in having your child baptized at Calvary this summer, contact Kim Warren (kwarren@calvarybemidji.org) in the church office to schedule a baptism. For more information please visit the [baptism page](#) on our [website](#).

Calvary's Annual Meeting

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY AUGUST 28

Save the Date for Calvary's Annual Meeting. We will meet Sunday, August 28 following our 9:00 am worship service. Join us for this important meeting to discuss things like our budget, council members, and MORE! Keep an eye on the weekly Enews and next month's newsletter for more information as it is available.

July Call Committee Update

Greetings congregation, we continue to work and be guided by the holy spirit as we complete the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP is posted online as the Senior Pastor position is officially made open; this allows potential Senior Pastor candidates to have some familiarity with who we are at Calvary and what our mission and goals are for the future. We are working together to ensure we put the most accurate information on the MSP which is taking some time. It is our goal to have the MSP completed prior to or before the next church council meeting in July. Once the MSP is completed and approved by the council we can move forward with submitting it, at which point the candidates can review and apply.

We have had multiple questions with regard to whether Pastor Susan and Pastor Jeremiah will be considered for the Senior Pastor position. Please know that both have expressed they are being called to continue in their current roles. Please continue to ask us questions or send us an email with other questions or potential candidates at: callcommittee@calvarybemidji.org.

Moving forward, it is our goal to be interviewing in August with a Senior Pastor starting in the Fall. We will continue to keep the congregation up to date each month. Please be aware that candidates will be kept confidential to prevent turmoil in their present congregation and if you have a candidate that you would like to be considered please contact the call committee.

High School Mission Trip

JULY 10-17

Twenty of Calvary's high schoolers and five adult leaders are getting very excited to leave for their Mission Trip to Philadelphia, PA in a few short weeks! During this week of service, the group will have opportunities to help address challenges of food insecurity in the community, including working in urban sustainability gardens, packing boxes at a food distribution center, and helping load and unload food deliveries to food pantries. As they prepare to depart, all are invited to send the missionaries off at the evening service on Sunday, July 3. In addition, your prayers are welcome for the missionaries: Vicar Jami, Nicholle Bieberdorf, Heidi Fladeboe, Sonia Wadena, Lizzy Wadena, Aaron Bieberdorf, Ethan Biggin, Beth Bolte, Jack Fladeboe, Ben Frauenholtz, Corrin Frenzel, Courtney Frenzel, Lucas Gack, Natalie Harrison, Rayne Heck, Sylvia Heglund, Henry Heglund, Kate Hildenbrand, Jack Hildenbrand, Mia Hoffmann, Caty Netland, Elizabeth Oster, Adeline Potratz, Zach Roberts, and Logan Roubal. Prayers are also welcome for the community of Philadelphia as residents continue to battle with hunger and food insecurity; for the City and the residents while dealing with the challenges of gentrification and resourcing needs for marginalized populations; for YouthWorks new housing partnership and that YouthWorks will be good stewards of their facilities throughout the summer.

MONTHLY MINISTRY PARTNER ~ ELCA FUND FOR LEADERS

Our monthly ministry partner for July is the ELCA Fund for Leaders. This scholarship program supports students of tremendous promise attending ELCA seminaries.

As we at Calvary seek to discern God's call for a new senior pastor to our congregation, we do so in a time in which there are far more open pastoral positions than there are ordained pastors. 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.



Calvary Happenings

This article featuring New Members, Deaths, and Baptisms is updated monthly as a way to stay informed of what is happening in our congregation.

- **Baptisms:** Haisley Arlene Botzek on June 5. Bentley Alan Gassert, Layla Marie Tahawah, and Shariah Lynn Tahawah on June 12.

Tracing the Footsteps of Martin Luther

Save the Date for a trip to Germany in the fall of 2023! For more information or to add your name to an "I am interested list", please email luthertour2023@gmail.com. Someone from the coordinating committee (Becky Bergquist - Calvary Lutheran, or Lisa and Martin Graefe - First Lutheran) will get back to you. [Click here](#) to read the full trip flyer!

Bemidji Area Church Musicians SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

This summer marks the 35th season of recitals! From 12:00-12:30 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 featured musician and venue location of each recital or [click here](#) for a full schedule. BACM is once again partnering with LPTV to broadcast recitals. Beginning July 2, recitals will premier on Saturdays at 1:30 pm and repeat on Sundays at 10:00 am.

Calling All Bakers!

Bakers of all experience levels are needed to bake bread for communion! We are continuing to serve communion each week and would like to add some bakers to our list. The recipe and instructions are simple and ingredients are easy to find. [Click here](#) to view the recipe and let [Kim Warren](#) in the office know you can help.

GriefShare

If you or someone you know is dealing with grief, GriefShare may be helpful for you! GriefShare is held at Calvary on Thursday evenings at 5:00 pm in Room 1. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Erin at 813-417-7678. No preregistration is necessary, all are welcome to join in the conversation as we journey together.

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!](#)

June's Ministry Partner PEOPLES CHURCH

Thank you for donating to Peoples Church, our June monthly ministry partner. With your donations, we raised over \$1,300 to help our brothers and sisters in Christ right here in Bemidji! Peoples Church is a vital ministry that supports our local homeless population with food, shelter, worship, and fellowship.

Calvary's Vendor Show SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Calvary's annual outdoor Vendor Show is August 20! All are invited to Calvary for a day of fellowship, music, food, and joy! Featuring 40+ local vendors showcasing arts, crafts, quilting/sewing and MORE! Interested in being a vendor? We have spots available! Please contact the church office or Tonie Peterson (218-444-0777).

Calvary Youth Group Reunion

Join us for a 70's and 80's Calvary Youth Group Reunion. Sunday, July 10 from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Sapphire Pavilion in Diamond Point Park. It is a potluck with brats provided, so just bring a salad or dessert! Hope to see you there! Please contact Sharon Hoverson (sbhoverson@midco.net) for more information.

Summer Softball League

Calvary's Softball League still needs additional players! Contact [Garrett Fultz](#) if you want to join the fun! Anyone 14 years or older are welcome! All are invited to come, watch, and cheer for our team! Calvary plays Thursday evenings at the Bemidji City Park, located on 23rd St. NW near the Armory and Curling club. Keep an eye on the weekly enews for game times.

FINANCIAL REPORT

12 MONTH FISCAL YEAR – AUGUST 2021-JULY 2022

General Fund – May

Income	Budgeted	YTD
\$85,096	\$102,368	\$948,081
Expenses	Budgeted	YTD
\$97,516	\$103,104	\$859,359

(General Income Y-T-D Includes Grants of \$143,086)

Cash, Receivables, & Savings: \$325,123

May Ministry Partner: Calvary Preschool - Scholarships \$3,615

Calvary Foundation Balance: \$55,017

Offering needed each week to support the budget is \$15,000.

Getting to Know Council Member ~ Sara Moran

Hello all! I am Sara Moran an at-large member on the Church Council. It was so exciting to hear from the Explore team about all the feedback they received from the congregation. I am so grateful so many were willing to join in that conversation. Many exciting things to come.

In May we finalized the call committee for calling a new senior pastor. I ask that you keep both the process and committee members in your prayers as their journey has just begun.

I just recently returned from the middle school mission trip with Larry Kent and 9 youth (*see mission trip group pictured on the right*). To say that it was a great week would be an understatement. The growth in faith we saw in these youth throughout the week was indescribable.



The theme of the week was Real Love and to say that we saw God working through these youth this past week wouldn't even touch it. Through service, new friendships, worship, and devotion you could hear and see God working through us all.

It was such a special time for everyone, and I ask that if you have a youth that has never been on a Mission Trip to consider sending them in the future. It will be one of the most amazing things they will ever experience. Hearts and minds were changed that week and I am more blessed for being a part of it. We would love to share our stories with you, please seek us out so we can share with you!

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves". Romans 12:9-10

Peace and love,
Sara Moran

Vicar's Viewpoint

Hey everybody, Vicar Jami here! I am writing these reflections almost exactly one week after returning to civilization following five days in the Boundary Waters. From June 2-7, myself and six good seminary friends took three canoes, four Duluth packs of food, clothing, and equipment, a ton of excitement, and a dash of fear into the greatest adventure I've been on in my life. Despite moments of feeling way in over my head (I have barely if ever camped before this trip), the week was full of clear waters, cloudless skies, quietness, and countless reminders of infinite beauty of God's creation. And loons, plenty of loons. It was such a blessing to take this time away, both to experience the trip and spend quality time with good friends. It is good to be back though, and I'm looking forward to all this summer has to offer as I reach the tail end of my internship!

The month of June so far has been one of transition. Coming back to work after time in the wilderness took adjustment, but I finally feel like I have found my groove again! Transition also showed up in our new summer worship schedule and an adjustment to morning AND evening worship. Our first outdoor service on the evening of June 12 was so much fun, and I am very excited to continue to praise God in the sunlight in the coming weeks. Aside from worship, my biggest priority in June has been finalizing preparations for the High School Mission Trip to Philadelphia from July 9-17. Planning this trip, helping organize fundraisers, booking hotels, flights, and rental vehicles has been a constant in my internship since October and I am so excited to experience the results of all this work in just a few weeks!

Looking ahead to July, the mission trip will take up an entire week. Regrettably, I will have to miss two of my waning Sundays to accompany the group, but I know it will be a powerful and formative experience. July will also bring an opportunity to collaborate with a youth group visiting Bemidji from North Dakota, assist with Vacation Bible School, preach, and continue to tend to my internship goals before I reach the end of my time here. I'm excited for all the sunshine and fellowship I will experience with you all in these warmer, more relaxed final months I get to spend in Bemidji.

Until next time, peace and blessings!
Vicar Jami

Theology Book Club

Following a wonderful study on Gerhard Forde's book *Where God Meets Man*, Calvary's Theology Club continues this summer with study on *Grace is Greater* by Kyle Idleman. The group will be meeting twice, in person, at different restaurants in Bemidji. The first meeting was held on June 23, but if you are interested in joining for the second dinner and conversation later this summer, you are invited to contact the group's facilitator, Becky Peck, at bucky_rjp@yahoo.com!

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers needed for two vital ministries Calvary is involved with:

Meals on Wheels - Calvary provides volunteers to deliver meals to homebound community members 4 weeks out of the year. It's a much-needed service that provides not only a meal but a friendly face. To volunteer, contact Cindy Filipi at (218) 201-0174.

Food Shelf - Food insecurity is a major issue in the Bemidji area, and our food shelf is an incredible resource in providing aid to our neighbors. If you're interested in helping out, contact Jim and Diane Wahl at (218) 751-7864.

If you have questions or would like more information about either program, you can also contact [Pr. Jeremiah](#).