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Together in Christ

Empowered to Be
and Make Disciples



Come Worship With Us

Summer Worship Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM – Chapel Worship

Sunday

8:00 AM – First Word Worship

9:05 AM – Coffee Fellowship

9:45 AM – Foundation & Praise Worship

Summer Worship will continue through
Labor Day weekend.

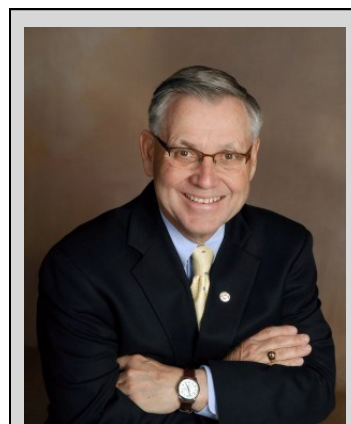


Calvary's Family Promise Host Week
July 7-14, 2019

Be Still!!

Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth. Psalms 46:10

This verse originates from a section of scriptures that proclaims and states the power, authority and security of God. It was the Psalmist who wrote of God's activity to end the raging war between pagan nations. Be Still!! In the Hebrew language it means "to slacken, let down or cease." It is only after 2 enemies, people or nations, stop fighting and bickering, can they acknowledge and trust God.



Pastor Dean E. Johnson

Know that I am God! To know God is to "acknowledge and be aware." We know God is all-knowing, all-powerful, sovereign, faithful and good. To be still and acknowledge God implies we can trust Him. In our baptism liturgy, we state "so that this child may learn to trust God."

We live, work and exist in very noisy times! The music, rhetoric traffic and conversations are loud. We are distracted. In the midst of the noise and distractions, like in the former days of war and conflict, the psalmist directs us to be still! Be patient! Wait on the Lord! Trust Him! Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare that is good, not for evil, but to give you a future and hope. Be still and know that I am God!

Pastor Dean

Highlights From VBS

Day Camp/VBS 2019

This year Calvary teamed up with Bethel Lutheran, Vinje Lutheran and Green Lake Lutheran Ministries for Day Camp! This year's theme was "Transformed Community" based on Romans 12:2. Kids learned about what Jesus has to say about living in community with others. Campers focused on the daily themes of being inclusive, compassionate, forgiving and justice-oriented.

A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND HELPED WITH DAY CAMP! WE HAD AN EXCITING WEEK FILLED WITH LOTS OF FUN!





SR. HIGH HOUSEBOAT TRIP: JULY 14-19

Fifteen Calvary youth and three adults will be traveling July 14-19 as they head up north for a weeklong houseboat adventure. This program, run by Camp Emmaus, is a journey along picturesque Rainy Lake, Working together to navigate and travel each day, the group will play games, cook meals together, worship, hike, swim and dig into the Bible and questions of faith. This is Bible Camp on a boat! Please keep this group in your prayers as they go.

ADVENT FESTIVAL UPDATE

The decision has been made that the Advent Festival will not take place this year. It was a difficult decision to make. This has been a wonderful Calvary Tradition for many decades, however, this year no one has come forward to take the co-chairs' roles, thus making it difficult to continue this tradition. We know this news will bring sadness to some, but we hope by making this decision we can also begin the process of discerning the next new thing that God is calling us to do.

Much is loved about the Advent Festival: the Christmas goodies, the music and the decorating are highlights for many. It is hoped that some of what is loved can be carried forward in a different way. One idea is that our Sunday School Christmas program will be expanded to include some of these elements. We are also open to hearing new ideas. Please talk with Pastor Naomi, a church council member or a circle chair if you have any thoughts or concerns.



Family Promise

NTY: Not Through Yet

Date: Friday, July 12, 2019 from 12:00 PM. Lunch will be served at Noon.

RSVP: Please call or stop by the church office by **Wed., July 10.** (235-2508)

NTY: A group that claim to be at least 50 years old! **ALL** are welcome to attend, no joining required, come when you can!

Cost: \$6.00

Program: Pastor Dean Johnson will be speaking and presenting on his recent trip to France and Omaha Beach in Normandy.

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God" Romans 8:14

The Prayer of the Day on Pentecost Sunday was: "God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen"

We are all called to serve and what better way to serve than to volunteer for Family Promise. Our Host Week is July 7-14 at Calvary. There are many ways to serve: evening host, overnight host, serve a meal, or drive the van. This is a fun and easy way to share your love with others, and your presence is such an encouragement to our guests. Let the Spirit lead you to help with this Outreach Ministry. Consider signing up, and if this is your first time helping, you can call Joan Hanson at (320) 220-1324, Roger Bengtson at (320) 905-1762 or contact the church office and they will be glad to help you. By volunteering you will be blessed as you make a difference in the lives of families!



Weekday Adult Education

Wednesday | 9:00 AM

Beliveau Bible Study

All women are welcome to join the ladies and leader Annette Beliveau in the Friendship Room.

Thursday | 9:30 AM

Worship Text Bible Study

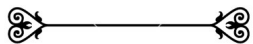
Everyone is invited to focus on the Bible texts that will be read and proclaimed the following Sunday.

Circle Bible Study

During the summer months of June, July and August, Calvary's Circles will all meet together in Bethany Hall. Check the church calendar or call the church office for more information. All women are welcome! Circles will meet **Wednesday, July 3 at 9:30 AM!**

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Pastor Naomi and Pastor Dean for visits before and after my surgery. I am also grateful to friends & neighbors who gave me rides, took me shopping and brought me food. I appreciate the prayers and kind words from everyone. Thank you Julie Olson



Thank you Calvary members for the many prayers, cards and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a caring congregation. God bless you all! Nancy Hultgren

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Remarks from the President...

Just like our rapidly changing world, Calvary Lutheran is experiencing many transformations – our worship services, ministry initiatives, outreach, communication, and staffing are all being impacted by rapid change.

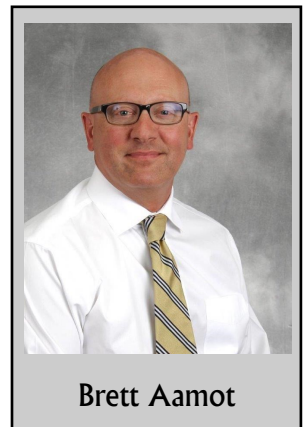
But our purpose—"to be and make disciples," remains solid and unchanging.

Our church council continues to address many issues—some are opportunities to remain relevant and healthy as a congregation, while other matters present challenges and obstacles to our continued viability.

One topic we will discuss soon, relates to our church facility, and optimizing our beautiful building and grounds to enhance our future ministries.

We will ask the following questions:

1. Are there structural, aesthetic, or technological improvements/additions we should consider in order for our facility to best compliment current and future ministries??
2. How can we utilize our facilities to enter new ministries, and advance our positive impact on our community??
3. To further our ministries, how can we best utilize the significant financial gifts bestowed on Calvary Lutheran by Jerry Anderson's estate (for capital improvements), and honor him??



Brett Aamot



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General Fund Treas. Report	2019 May Ending	2019 YTD Total	May Ending Budget Comparison	2018 May Ending	2018 YTD Total	2017 May Ending	2017 YTD Total
Total Contributions	\$51,602.46	\$338,781.06	(22,246.51)	\$49,288.71	\$353,494.69	\$58,170.30	\$342,626.20
Total Expenses	\$69,408.93	\$376,453.26	\$8,424.00	\$70,732.50	\$403,111.94	\$82,764.94	\$343,342.63
Contribution Deficit/surplus	(\$17,806.47)	(\$37,672.20)		(\$21,443.79)	(\$49,617.25)	(\$24,594.64)	(\$716.43)
Avg. Weekly Attendance for May	399			364			

Calvary Lutheran Church
Parishioners Executive Financial Summary
May 2019

The following explanations supplement the church's monthly financial reports, and are intended to provide a brief & simplified overview of financial activity.

May 2019 was improved compared to May of 2018, reporting slightly higher income, and slightly less expenses than May last year.

Income & Expenses -- General Fund Offerings and other income totaled \$51,602 for May 2019, compared to \$49,289 for May 2018, an increase of 4.7%.

Expenses for May 2019 were 69,409, compared to \$70,733 last year, for a decrease in expenses of 1.9%. Expenses by category were very comparable to the prior year.

Our monthly May deficit for 2019 was \$(17,806), compared to \$(21,444) last year.

For 2019 so far, our financial performance has also improved slightly from 2018. Offerings and other income through May 2019 are down about \$10,000 (3%) from 2018, but expenses are also less by over \$26,000, so our bottom line shows a \$16,000 improvement, compared to the first five months in 2018. When the unpaid bills are allocated to May our deficit so far this year is (\$55,000), compared to \$(71,000) last year.



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**STUFF
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School Supply Drive**



Although it seems as if summer just started, the school year is right around the corner. We are asking you to consider donating school supplies for the 2019 "Stuff the Bus" drive. Please bring paper, pencils, backpacks, binders, folders and other supplies to place in Calvary's Bus, located by the church office, beginning **Saturday, July 20-August 16**. The supplies that are collected during this event are used by United Way to help children start the 2019 school year out with the right supplies. The list of supplies requested is located below and by the church office. Many stores also have posted lists of needed school supplies. Let's fill the bus to help United Way "Stuff the Bus" for this school year. Thank you for helping local community kids!

Supplies Needed:

- Backpacks (please no wheels)
- Calculators (basic or scientific)
- Pencil boxes
- Paper (loose leaf)
- 3 ring binders
- Folders
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Glue (liquid or sticks)
- Crayons
- Markers
- Scissors

- Rulers
- Small storage bags
- Boxes of tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes
- Paper towels
- Bandages

Check lists in stores for specific school needs

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