

...IN SACRED PLACES...

CELEBRATING MINISTRY OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Message from Sister Anne



The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. Romans 8:26-27

We have been taught all our lives that we can pray to God about anything. Nothing is too big for God to handle it. Sometimes there are situations where we have no words. You might have heard some devastating news about a family member. Maybe you heard some joyful news that you can't express your thankfulness. God knows our hearts before we begin to pray.

Each night we see families seemingly ripped apart because of the corona-virus 19 and we are at a loss for words. It is ok to feel that way because God understands. God wants our prayers when we have the words and He can fill in the blanks when we do not. It is up to us to keep our communication with God open and listen to His direction. God is always ready to hear us and fill our hearts with love.

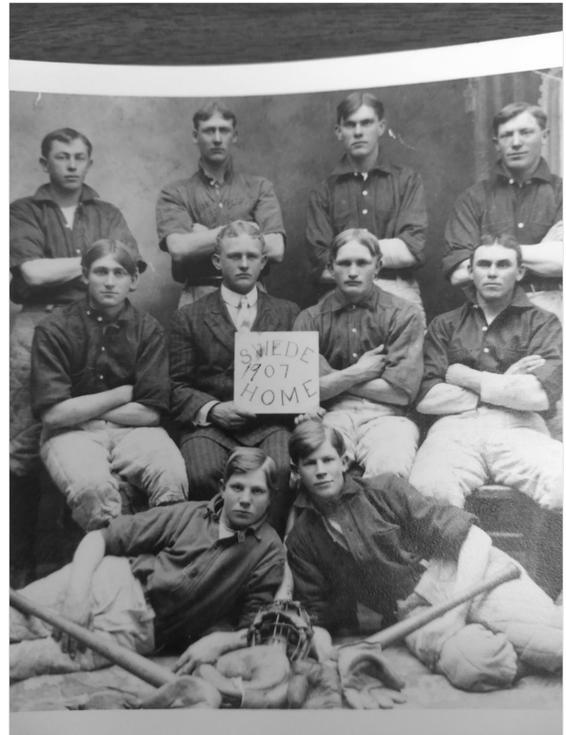
My husband and I will be on vacation following worship on July 26 through Aug 11. The main purpose is to visit my brother-in-law who is suffering with ALS. Traveling across the country during a pandemic is not something we would usually do. However, we have put that aside out our love for Wayne and we have taken every precaution to keep ourselves safe. I ask you to pray for us that we can be a blessing during this precious time with David's family.

August means the end of summer time ballgames. In many instances this summer and with Covid-19, games were over before they started. This is the 1907 Swede Home Baseball team—thanks for the memories.

Back ROW: Walter Johnson, Robert Anderson, Abel Toline George Anderson

2nd ROW: Walter Bush, Rudolph Appleton, Martin Appleton, Otto Swanson

Front ROW: Arthur Anderson, Wilmer Anderson



Announcements

The Evangelism and Outreach Team oversees a nonperishable food and personal care item collection.



Please place items you wish to donate in the basket located in the front entry of the church. August Items go

Blue Valley Community Action



The August quilt date will be confirmed by Penny Udey, for now it is on the calendar for August 27.

Some restrictions may apply . Please confirm with Penny before you attend.

W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

The July rains were a blessing for fields, gardens & flowers! I hope this is finding you all well as we are nearing summer's end.

*Service for month of August is Thankoffering number 2. This goes to support women at home and around the world. If you'd like to give an offering but are unable to attend circle, please mail your check to Bonnie Carlson, 12929 Twin Pines, Rd., Osceola, NE 68651. Thank you.

*Altar care for August is Kathi Jones and Mary Stevens. September will be Gloria Oquist. At this point, communion is only on the third Sunday of the month.

*Flowers in August by Ruth. Thank you, Linda, for watering the plants. September & October flowers will be by Mary Anna circle.

*Quilting fun and fellowship will be on August 27th. Please join us. If you like to sew, you are welcome to make some quilt blocks at home, 21" square, or assemble any size blocks to make tops 60" x 80". Needed are backing fabrics sized 64" x 84" or bigger - sheets work well. Any fabric donations are always welcome. Thank you!

*Facemasks / Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief can be placed in the box in the church entry if you're interested in donating. They will be shipped in September.

AUGUST

Hostess/Dessert Bible Study

Ruth – 8/12	BYO Beverage	<i>group</i>
Mary Anna- 8/13	Elaine	Elaine
Miriam – 8/14	Corinne	<i>none listed</i>

“Dear God, may the hope you have given us take away our fear and strengthen us for each new day through Christ our Lord. Amen”

~ From taking faith home

Grace & Peace to you,
Cheryl

Reaching out to our community

We have a new address for Brody:

FN IENN BRODRYK

2036-M

101 NNPTC CIRCLE

GOOSE CREEK SC 29445

As any of you who have every been away from home, you know it is good to get something at mail call! Our prayers are with Brody and may God keep him safe. His birthday is August 30 if you would like to send him a card.



On behalf of the Shelby-Rising City High School's Junior Class, the Post Prom Committee wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the local businesses in our communities and surrounding towns for their support of Post Prom 2020!

Our Post Prom was not how we first planned, but after seeing all of the kids smiling and enjoying themselves, it made our alternative Post Prom worthwhile. A parent hosted Prom was held on July 10, at the RC hall. With funds from your generous donations the Committee brought in a bull-riding machine, a 9 hole miniature gold course, and a ping pong table. The bull-riding machine was a huge success as he kids were continuously riding it from 8:30 pm until 11:45 pm.

Once again we are grateful for the outstanding support you all provide to the students of the S-RC! We are so thankful that we live in communities that support S-RC Post Prom. W could not do it without you!

Shelby Rising City High School ,Junior Class, Post Prom Committee

RECIPES



Swedish Potato Bologna

Peel 8 lbs. potatoes

Grind through 3/16th grinder plate, one time with 4 lbs. beef trim, 5 lbs. pork trim (Put Fruit Fresh in with peeled potatoes and 1 Tablespoon water per batch. Let stand for 15 min.

1 cup minced onions

1 tablespoon salt

1 tablespoon black pepper

2 teaspoons all spice

Stuff in a casing or you can patty like hamburger.

This was a sausage we made in the fall of the year and this was a very big seller for us.

From the archives of **Carlson & Son's Locker,**
Osceola NE



147th church anniversary in August

The Grand Island Daily Independent featured Swede Home in an article published on September 1, 1979. It was written by Jim Tittsworth, and we share it in the newsletter this month

SWEDE HOME – A shining cross appears above the August corn. Underneath the cross a needle sharp spire appears, then dark-green oak trees and the dirt road suddenly is blacktop.

There is no green and white sign announcing Swede Home, possibly because it's not really a town. It's a small farm-trade center that grew around a church build in 1873. Most Nebraska maps do not show the 22-member community.

The cross is atop the tapering spire of the Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church. The present church, built in 1914, is the third offspring of the original 1893 church. Today (in 1979) there are 220 confirmed adult members, says the then Rev. Milan Swasko.

Lillie Chindgren has played the deep throated church organ for more than 55 years. Although she has given up her regular duties, she is not retiring, said the 80ish lady. "I want to remain active" she said, waving a printed church program.

The program proclaimed that on August 16, the Polk County Historical Society had listened to a musical program arranged by Miss Lillie Chindgren.

Traditions truly don't die in Swede Home. Harold W. Johnson has run the Swede Home store for about 51 years. With retirement nearing, he will pass the management to his son. Marlow Johnson had wandered away and raised a family but is returning to the good life, explained his father.

A thermometer announces 88 degrees to anyone mounting the store's front porch. Inside, electric fans circulate a breeze to cool perspiring foreheads. It is a genuine country store.

Harold is still there; son Marlowe is working on his home. He glances out a window at a faded concrete pad with tall green weeds growing from jagged cracks. The store used to be there," he said nodding at the empty pad. "it started burnin' in '38 and finished in '39," he said. "We figured it started on New Year's Eve and finished after midnight." The store was owned by a farmer's co-op in those days, Johnson said.

The original store had been built in 1884 by P. Oscar Chindgren, an uncle of Lillie Chindgren.

There isn't much to Swede Home: some homes, church and parsonage, a cemetery across the street and the store. Clusters of oak trees hide the community from Nebraska's summer heat.

The church, which rises above the trees, is the only building not darkened by the shade. A white metal fence surrounds the Swede Home Cemetery. There lie Swedish immigrants, some of the church's first members. There also are the generations that followed – and came home to rest.



God's Work, Our Hands

Facemasks for Lutheran World Relief

Thank you to all that have made fabric facemasks for yourselves, your families, and others in Swede Home and in the surrounding areas! You have truly made a difference!

If you're interested in making any more facemasks, Lutheran World Relief is asking for fabric facemasks to be made and shipped to them to be distributed with International shipments of personal care kits scheduled for summer and fall. Lutheran World Relief asks that we be mindful these masks will be sent to other countries, so that should be considered when selecting any printed material, holidays, camouflage, patriotic, Nebraska Huskers, etc. may not be appropriate in other countries. There will be more information on the personal care kits available at church, or see Cheryl.

You can use any pattern, or if you want to try something new, you may visit their website for their pattern with ties. (*website is lwr.org*) If you're in need of elastic or fabric, Cheryl has a good amount of it on hand and will be glad to get it to you, free of charge.



Please deliver your fabric face masks (or personal care kits) to church or give to Cheryl before September 1, and she will mail them to the Minne-

sota site for Lutheran World Relief.

In addition to making facemasks for Lutheran World Relief, there is a project to make personal care kits. These kits include: a light-weight bath size towel, 2-3 bars of soap, adult toothbrush, sturdy comb, nail clippers.

We had someone make 12 kits for a total cost of \$115. So that is just under \$10 a kit. There are instructions available on the table at the front entrance, if you are interested in assembling your own kits. Completion date is September 1st.

If you are interested in this project, but do not want to purchase the supplies, we are taking monetary donations and have someone willing to order the items and assemble the kits.

Supplies will need to be ordered by August 10 to guarantee delivery in order to get kits assembled by the deadline.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution please let Cheryl (402-366-4797) or Linda (402-366-2091) know how much you would contribute and send them the money. We can then go ahead and order supplies. We will order supplies in increments of 12 (towels come in set of 12). If we receive money but unable to provide for 12 kits, we will use the money for shipping costs to send the kits to Lutheran World Relief.

Please consider this worthwhile project

Lutheran World Relief works closely with our overseas partners to determine the best contents to include in kits. Your kits will do the most good possible when they contain only the items listed. Keeping kit contents consistent helps our partners plan properly for distributing a shipment and keeps international shipping processes cost-effective and efficient. Disparity in kit contents can cause costly delays. Lastly, making all kit contents the same ensures recipients are treated equally and fairly, which is important for those who have already experienced a great deal of injustice or tragedy.

Not all heroes wear capes. Some make face masks.

Meet a Member— Duane Jones

My roots in Calvary, Swede Home, run deep. Great grandparents, grandparents and my parents, Dave and Florence Jones were all members. That foundation has been a major influence in my life. I was baptized, attended Sunday School, and confirmed at Calvary.

I remember waiting for my parents to arrive for church after Sunday School, being frantic when they were late. Martin Jones, Gloria Oquist's Dad, assured me that I would be cared for.

After attending country school through 8th grade, I graduated from Stromsburg High School in 1952. Luther College in Wahoo was an easy choice following my experience at a Lutheran Youth Conference with others from Calvary. I then enlisted for 3 years in the Army Veterinary Food Inspection Service. Basic training was at Camp Chaffee, AR. I was assigned to Chicago where I lived off base in the city and worked wherever the army had purchase contracts for specialty frozen meats. During this time, I attended Christ the King Lutheran Church in the Loop, located on the third floor of an office building. One Sunday morning, I was very surprised to see a cousin of mine from Osceola who was a nursing student on affiliation at Cook County Hospital. She introduced me to her blond classmate, Carol (who caught my eye) and as they say, "the rest is history". After graduation, Carol moved to Chicago and worked at Augustana Hospital. I was discharged in March of 1958 and we were married April 19th in Carol's home church in Bridgeport, CT.

We moved back to Nebraska and life in the country. I farmed with my Dad until he retired and later, with son Mark. Many of our activities and those of our three children, Beth, Mark and Linnea involved life at Calvary. Most of our friends attended Calvary. We liked to travel, back to CT, to other states and Canada, sometimes camping. We have been blessed with 7 grandchildren and almost 8 great grandsons. Nothing gives us more joy than seeing them or hearing of their antics.

In 1980 I became a charter member of the Grain Sorghum Board in Nebraska. That early involvement led to becoming an officer on the Nebraska Commodity Board and ultimately the US Feed Grains Council. The Council was funded in part by the Foreign Agriculture Service and its purpose was to develop export markets for US grains overseas, ultimately improving economies around the world.

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**Sister Anne Hall, Interim Minister
Every Member of the Congregation—
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LeeAnn Willhoft, Custodian

Council Members:

**Todd Hanquist, Lynn Hofmann, Dan Oquist,
Kent Adelson,**

Sandra Johnston, Dan Ienn, Fran Lott

All Calvary members, Ministers

Sister Anne Hall, contact number 308-249-3810

Pastor Brenda Pfiefly is on emergency call for Calvary, her contact number is 402-416-5434

From July 26 through August 11, Karen Tjarks will take emergency call, **402-499-8240.**

Please contact Linda Fuhr, Church Secretary at calvaryswedehomechurch@gmail.com or her cell-phone 402-366-2091, text is preferred or leave a voice message

We Reach to all our faith family in prayer and celebration

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Melissa Forsberg	Elaine Toline
Janice Forsberg	
Denny Johnson	Jan Wells-Bachman
Linda Johnson	
June Larson	All who are shut in and need prayers and support

- Genesis House
and Living Waters Rescue Mission, Blue Valley
Action, & Denver Metro Ministries
- Houses for Health recipients.
- Bishop Brian Maas and the Nebraska Synod
staff
- Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and all ELCA congrega-
tions and members
- Confirmands, Kelby Neujahr, Ethan Fjell,
Kylee Kohl on their Confirmation in the fall
- Brody Ienn in service to our country

To request prayers call

Calvary: Jan Ernst 402-747-8041

Meet the Member—Duane Jones (Continued)

As an officer, I was privileged to travel to many countries in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. In particular, observing firsthand the abject poverty in India, meeting a Russian grandfather who was just as proud of his grandchildren as I was, hearing the story of a Czech dairy farmer who tried to escape with his brother but was captured and ended up in the salt mines, later constructing his own modern equipment using only a Dutch dairy magazine, and traveling through Checkpoint Charlie into East Germany. Later, when the USSR was breaking up and the wall fell, I was moved to tears. These experiences helped me respect me other cultures and realize we are more alike than different. I am forever grateful to my son, Mark for shouldering the farming responsibilities while I was traveling and to my wife Carol, who even took care of the farrowing pens.

We are now spending most of our time in Lincoln but regret not getting back to Calvary as often as we'd like. And yet, those relationships, lessons learned and strengthened faith remain with us.

ANNIVERSARIES

CALVARY:

Aug
12 Gary & Jean Waller
19 Dan & Lisa Oquist
27 Randy & Fran Lott

BIRTHDAYS

CALVARY:

Aug
02 April Neujahr
03 Izabella Zurovski
07 Patty Teig
07 Ryan Fjell
09 Jennifer Fjell
10 Dennis Hinkle
11 Amy Harris
12 LaVerne Stevens
21 Jarrett Althouse
21 Brita Jones
22 Tim Althouse
24 Megan Oquist
25 Roger Hanquist
25 Kelby Neujahr
30 Brody Ienn
31 Steve Udey



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all the members who continue with their financial support for Swede Home Church. In these trying times, we realize even more the words "to give as you are able" God's blessings

AUGUST

Assistant Minister – Rick Jones
Scripture Reader – Rick Jones
Ushers – Dan and Fawn Ienn
Altar/Communion – Kathi Jones & Mary Stevens
Acolyte –
Bell Ringer – TBA

We thank all those who agree to help with the worship service each month.

August 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Sat

<p>Sister Anne will be on vacation July 26 through August 11. Pastor Karen Tjarks, from York will be on call for pastoral care Her phone number is 402-499-8240.</p>						<i>1</i>
<i>2</i> 10:30 am worship service	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i> 10:30 am worship service	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Ruth Circle No men's bible study	<i>13</i> Mary Anna Circle	<i>14</i> Miriam Circle	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> 10:30 am service with communion	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> 10:30 am worship service		<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Quilt Day	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i> 10:30 am worship service	<i>31</i>					

Know God, Love God, Share God's Love

COUNCIL NOTES

Council met July 5. Present: Sandy, Dan O, Dan I, Lynn, Fran, Todd, Sister Anne

Council discussed an update from the property committee regarding damaged down spouts, planning a work day to clean gutters, and pest control contract.

Services have resumed according to synod guidelines and Covid-19 restrictions. Communion will begin July 19. Sister Anne Hall will say sacraments at the front of the church then proceed to empty pew in front of individuals to distribute a wafer. The individual will take their own cup and dispose of it as they exit the church. Singing will still not occur.

Second year confirmands will be confirmed Reformation Sunday which is October 25. The individuals being confirmed are Kelby Neujahr, Kylee Krol and Ethan Fjell.

Confirmation will begin in the fall for the confirmands who need their second year: Rylee Hofmann, Peyton Hofmann, Eli Fjell, Sheyenne Krol.

Discussion was held about what Sunday school will look like for our youth in the fall.

The Council discussed meeting with First English in Rising City as to their intentions for the call process to help guide Calvary's next step in the call process.



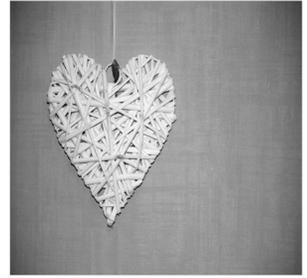
Treasurer's Report

	June 2020
Beginning Balance	\$7,767.13
Offerings:	
General Offering	11,072.00
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services	5.00
Synod Assemble Refunds	540.00
ELCA Mission Share	250.00
First Rising City for May Share	1,038.14
	12,905.14
Expenses:	
Vanco eCheck Monthly Fee	8.79
Cody's Computer - Contract Agreement	34.99
Polk County New subscription	35.00
Christ In Our Home	77.20
Sikes Pest Control	150.00
Sunday School Curriculum	175.00
US Post Office; postage	300.50
NE Synod ELCA Mission Share	1,540.00
First Rising City June Share	982.48
Utilities:	
Church	238.62
Parsonage	165.92
Salaries:	
Pastor	1,388.78
Mileage	190.90
SECA	0.00
Portico Benefit Services	435.83
Diana	448.54
LeeAnn	236.64
Linda	497.76
	6,906.95
Balance as of June 30, 2020:	\$13,765.32

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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Mission Statement: Know God, Love God,
Share God's Love**



Guiding Principles:

1. **Jesus is Lord and Savior**
2. **All are welcome in this place.**
3. **Serving in love with generosity and hospitality**
4. **Provide an atmosphere for spiritual growth and reflection.**
5. **Teaching and sharing God's Word with joy**
6. **Mutual respect in relationships**

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