



JANUARY 2020

# ...IN SACRED PLACES...

## CELEBRATING MINISTRY OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Message from Sister Anne—



The New Year is here! It is that time in our life when we can take a breath and do things a little differently. For some of us, it may be a change of behavior or making a change in our goals. This year Calvary and First English Lutheran Churches will begin the search to find a new pastor. The Nebraska Synod staff will guide you through the process of the Self Study and profile papers. This may seem like a tedious task but it is designed to help you identify the gifts and skills you are looking for in a new pastor. I am your Transitional Minister who will keep the ministry going while you are looking. The very first thing each of you can do is to start praying for guidance in this process and trust that God will send you the right person. God answers our prayers. We can trust God for that. However, sometimes our prayers are answered in ways we can not begin to imagine. Who knew a deaconess would be available to be your Transitional Minister?

I want to remind you that although I live in Columbus, I am available to visit with you at any time. Feel free to call me if you have concerns about the call process or if you just need to talk. In the event of a medical emergency, I will come as soon as I can. Please know that I am here to help you and walk with you.

These last few months have been a blessing to me and I look forward to the coming year.  
Sister Anne  
Hall



### THANK YOU . . .

November 23, 2019

Dear Friends at Swede home:

Thank you for your recent donation of food, grocery items, gifts and those beautiful quilts. Enjoyed the visit when Sandy made this special delivery.

Holidays are approaching and we are very busy. Your gifts and regular support help the miracles happen. I look forward to another visit.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are so thankful for you.

Sincerely, Pat and the folks at Genesis House

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Dear Calvary Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your gift of \$137.00 to ELCA World Hunger. *"every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above"* James 1:17

Your generous gift is enabling transformative works of love here in the United States and in 60 countries around the world, providing what is needed to end hunger and poverty, access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education and peace and justice. Together, we are creatively and courageously working towards a just world where all are fed. Thank you for making a difference.

Rev. Robin Brown, Mission Funding Director

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# Announcements



A REMINDER: if you are last to leave the church, please be sure that all lights in the basement, entry way, etc. have been turned off. Thermostats in the church and the basement are on timers, so if you adjusted them, they will revert to the auto setting.

## MEETING UPDATES:

We are approaching the end of the year, - and with that the annual meeting that is held in January. This year the annual meeting date is Sunday, January 26 following the church service.

All reports for the annual meeting report need to be to Linda no later than Sunday January 5th. All committees i.e. nominating, endowment, memorial, outreach and evangelism, WELCA etc. need to have meet in December to prepare the end of the year reports, distributions etc. Committee chairs please contact Kay or Linda if you need help in setting up your meetings.

## WELCA NEWS JANUARY CIRCLES

*Hostess/Dessert/Bible Study*

Mary Anna- 1/9 Gladys Johnson Gladys

Miriam – 1/10 (TBA) (TBA)

Ruth – **Offering only** – no circle meeting held

*Thank you for the opportunity to feel like “Santa” as we delivered gifts to ESU 7 & Genesis House. You are such a blessing to all those you have given to, and we were proud to represent your love & generosity!*

Cheryl

## W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

\*Your November and December offerings from WELCA circles and Church Members to help make a special Christmas for needy families served by ESU#7 amounted to \$1,619 cash, some gifts, and a \$250 Thrivent Card used for groceries. Then add the \$1,000 voted on from our offerings at December meeting, so that makes the total \$2,619. We received a Thank You stating with our donations, they were able to provide 69 children’s gifts, paid an electric bill, and also gave out 14 food baskets! All I can say is THANK YOU for your generosity and love!

\*Thank you to all that donated cash & gift items for Genesis House clients from the Giving Tree! Besides the beautiful presents you selected, \$125 cash was donated, along with the \$500 from WELCA Annual meeting. Wow! What a difference you’ve made in their lives, too!

\*Our Annual General Meeting was on 12/8. At that meeting, you voted to donate the following from our Treasury: \$1,000 to ESU 7 needy families; \$500 to Genesis House; \$250 each to A Place at the Table, Columbus Rescue Mission, & Living Water Mission; \$200 each to UNL Lutheran Campus Center, Lakota Lutheran Center & Oaks Indian Mission; and \$150 to UNK Lutheran Campus Center. Thanks for your offerings. Thank you to Ruth Circle for hosting.

It was decided to purchase sheets for quilt backs from the quilting fund and 30-cup coffee pots with the kitchen funds. Thanks to Darlene Booker and Mabel Hinkle for furnishing some small serving spatulas.

\*January 18 will be the Winter Retreat in Grand Island. Registration forms at church.

\*Service for month of January is a monetary offering for energy & food assistance for Blue Valley Community Action clients.

\*Altar care for January will be Kay Jones. February will be Carolyn Nielsen & Bonnie Carlson.

\*Flowers in January & February will be by Mary Anna Circle. Thank you for watering any plants.

\*No Quilt Day in January.

## Reaching out to our community—God's Work Our Hands

### SWEDE HOME FOOD PANTRY



The Evangelism and Outreach Team oversees a nonperishable food and personal care item collection. You are welcome to bring donations at any time. ***Please place items you wish to donate in the basket located in the entry way of the church.***

Items are usually delivered the last week of the month. In January donations will go to Genesis House in David City

All of the items we donate are greatly appreciated by the recipients as they help meet critical needs.

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*Thanks to the members of Swede Home for responding to the need of the Wessels family. In addition to the original \$ 540.00 we had another \$150.00 in cash and \$250.00 in Thrivent action team card for groceries.*

*We received a nice note and contribution from Paul Hadley, son of a former minister. Paul gave a donation and said it was the least he could do after the many kindnesses the congregation of Calvary has shown his family over the years.*

### Thank you!

It's great to know the world is full of such generous people.....like you.

My family and I want to say thanks to every member of the church that has helped us get through this hard time. It means a lot to us.

Sincerely,

**The Wessels family**

**Justin, Tori, Brayden and Aaliyah**

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On December 10th, Monty and Cheryl presented the Giving Tree items to Pat at Genesis House

The smiles warmed their hearts as they were able to share the generosity of the Swede Home members with those who need our help and support.



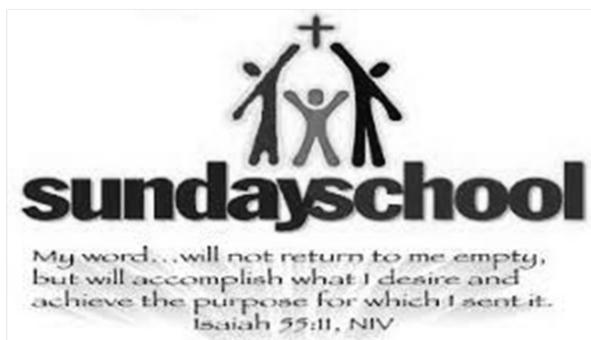
## Announcements



Children's Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 5.

Tina will be leading the lessons the month of January. The theme is "Jesus is Born."

We look forward to seeing our youth attending Sunday School classes that begin with an opening at 9:15 am.



Adult Forum continues to meet at 9:30 am each Sunday morning

Calvary Confirmation Reminders:

Confirmation classes for January are as follows;

January 8, 15, 22 and 29 classes begin at 6:30 pm

At Salem Lutheran



On Sunday, December 15th, under the direction of Lynn Hofmann, the youth of Swede Home presented the Joy Story, a take on the movie Toy Story.

Our toys can bring us hours of fun and enjoyment, but it fades away after awhile. In the skit "Joy Story" a cowboy named Buddy (Kelby Neujahr), a Sci-Fi posable action figure named Ham Salad, (Jarrett Althouse) Princess Elsie (Peyton Hofmann), Pig (Kylee Krol), and Shiloh the Dog (Breden Kobus) shows that Jesus came to give us true and lasting joy that will never fade. Mandy (Rylee Hofmann) and Dad (Kolton Neujahr) remembers that Jesus came to earth at Christmas to give us a fresh start, a new beginning that will never end. These students as well as Chyanne Krol also read scripture from Matthew and Luke about the birth of Jesus. The congregation helped tell the story of Jesus' birth by singing songs.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKS

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Margaret Norton, Member of Calvary Swede Home.

Margaret passed away on November 26, 2019 at the Woodlands At Hillcrest in Lincoln, where she resided the past several years.

Graveside services were held on December 2, 2019 with Pastor Teri Lucas officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Osceola Public School—Norton Scholarship, Nebraska Humane Society or Lied Center in Lincoln.

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We received a Christmas letter from Joan Berggren, her address is 5435 Cloudburst Ln, Lincoln, NE 68521 if anyone wishes to correspond.

Her letter states she spent January in Tampa, FL with Dave and family, then a week in June with Kate in Kansas City. Jake was presented with his “White Coat Ceremony” at the A.T. Sill Collage of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, MO and two cars of family convoyed to that wonderful day in mid-July. Two weeks were spent at Thanksgiving time with Dave’s family.

She has stayed busy, sorting, donating, sorting, boxing, dividing up, sorting, giving to kids, sorting — 58 years of dear husband Bruce’s “Things and Stuff.” Books collection, hobbies, art work, more books, his mother’s, his brother’s things—more, more and more! Plus her stuff! Hopefully she is doing her kids a favor by going through all this “Stuff”

Prayers that everyone is enjoying good health and happiness. God is Good! All the Time!

Blessings, Joan

Once again the beauty of our sanctuary was blessed by the loving gift of a beautiful Christmas tree, from Mike and Anita Haack. We thank you for sharing this gift during Advent and the Christmas season.

Our thanks to those who shared their time and talents to decorate the tree and the church: Mike and Anita Haack, Monty and Cheryl Jones, Doug, Connie and Andrea Jones, and Jorge and Abigail Bencomo.

We are truly blessed to have members and family take time from their busy schedules and share their love with the congregation.

Thanks to all who brought poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service and to the Fredrickson family for donating one in memory of Marilyn and Gordon Fredrickson

THANK YOU




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Dear Calvary Lutheran WELCA of Swede Home,  
Thank you for your gift of \$250.00 The Lord is so good to us. He provides our every need and we praise and thank Him for His Provision.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

Praise the Lord!

Nathan Joslin Chaplin, Columbus Living Water Rescue Mission

## MEET A MEMBER

**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
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**Stromsburg, NE 68666**  
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**Sister Anne Hall, Interim Minister**  
**Every Member of the Congregation—**  
**Ministers**

**Kent Adelson, Council President**  
**Diana Johnson, Organist**  
**Linda Fuhr, Secretary**  
**LeeAnn Willhoft, Custodian**

**Council Members:**  
**Todd Hanquist, Lynn Hofmann, Kay Jones,**  
**Kent Adelson,**  
**Sandra Johnston, Dan Ienn, Fran Lott**  
**All Calvary members, Ministers**

**Sister Anne Hall, contact number 308-249-3810**

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

**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**

The first time Roxanne came to church in Swede Home was when Nick and Carol Nicholson were married. She was impressed with the church, started attending and became a member.



Roxanne was born on the beautiful island of Oahu, Hawaii to Edwin and Christine Lorenzo. She has five brothers, three sisters and one sister, who has passed away. She received her education there and graduated from Pearl City High School in Honolulu.

She met her husband Jerome, a young man from Nebraska, when he was stationed at Scofield Barracks on Oahu with the United States Army. Roxanne lived in an apartment near by and they had seen each other. She was taking hula dance lessons and Jerome followed her there to become better acquainted. The rest is history as they have been married for 42 years. They have one daughter who lives in Osceola and one son who lives in Hawaii and seven grandchildren.

The couple has lived in Silver Creek for 36 years and Roxanne has retired from B&D in Columbus. She likes to bowl and especially likes working with crafts. She goes back to Hawaii once a year and since Jerome is now retired, he plans on joining her.

Roxanne loves attending church in Swede Home. She thinks the church is beautiful and really likes the friendliness of the people.

We love having Roxanne in our congregation and are thankful that Jerome followed her to the hula dance lessons in Hawaii and that Nick and Carol invited her to their wedding.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Melissa Forsberg  
Denny Johnson  
Linda Johnson  
June Larson  
Vance & Elaine To-  
line  
Jan Wells-Bachman

We include the congre-  
gation of Zion-Benedict  
as they close their con-  
gregation on January 5  
and welcome them into  
our congregation if they  
so choice.

- Genesis House and  
Living Waters Rescue Mission, Blue Valley Ac-  
tion, & Denver Metro Ministries
- St. Peter's Church—Pender
- Houses for Health recipients.
- Table Grace Café
- Bishop Brian Maas and the Nebraska Synod  
staff
- Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and all ELCA congrega-  
tions and members
- Our ELCA Partner Synod—Pacifica Synod
- Zion Lutheran Church—Shelton, church de-  
stroyed in fire 12/11/19

To request prayers call  
Calvary: Jan Ernst 402-747-8041

## ANNIVERSARIES

### CALVARY:

No anniversaries in January

## BIRTHDAYS

### CALVARY:

#### Jan

04 Mike Larson  
04 Fran Lott  
05 Bill Carlstrom  
09 Deb Hanquist  
09 Mary Stevens  
10 Mickey Berggren  
11 Brileigh Twarling  
14 Tyler Jones  
Quin Rene Anderson-  
15 Cahill  
15 Carole Dickson  
16 Roxanne Czarnick  
17 Linda Fuhr  
17 Diana Johnson  
20 Dan Ienn  
23 Joel Cramer  
23 Ron Dickson  
23 Bryce Nielsen  
24 Deb Cramer  
27 Duane Jones  
27 Irene Sundberg  
27 Janelle Udey  
29 Ceagen Watts



*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*

## CALVARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### January

Assistant Minister – Wayne Johnson  
Scripture Reader – Linda Fuhr  
Ushers –  
Altar/Communion – Kay and Cheryl  
Acolyte –  
Bell Ringer –

# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No Confirma- tion	2	3	4
5 9:15a Sunday School & Adult Forum  10:30a Calvary Lessons and Carols Fellowship Coffee	6 Reports for annual meeting Due	7	8 6:30 pm Confirmation  7:00 Men's Bible Study	9 2:00 pm Mary Anna Circle	10 9:00 am Miri- am Circle	11
12 9:15a Sunday School and Adult Forum  10:30a Calvary Worship Fellowship coffee	13	14	15 6:30 pm Confirmation	16	17	18 WELCA winter retreat in Grand Island
19 9:15a Sunday School & Adult Forum  10:30a Calvary Holy Communion Worship	20	21	22 6:30 pm Confirmation	23	24	25
26 9:15a Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30a Calvary Worship Congregational Annual Mtg and meal following	27	28	29 6:30 pm Confirmation	30	31	

**Know God, Love God, Share God's Love**

**COUNCIL NOTES**

Council Notes, December 1, 2019

- Council met December 1 after church for the regular meeting. Present: Kent, Sandy, Todd, Lynn, Kay, Sister Ann Hall. Absent: Fran & Dan
- Discussion was held about building, grounds, and parsonage clean-up from November 17 after church.
- Council continues to discuss getting sound panels for Fellowship Hall keeping in mind present decoration/appearance.
- Endowment, Audit and Nominating committee updates were discussed.
- Annual meeting congregational meal for January 26 preparations were made.
- Sister Anne Hall gave an update of her November activities. She also presented information about attending a Synod Council Retreat at Carol Joy Holling December 6 & 7. Sister Anne Hall will take vacation January 3 -11.
- Council approved Synod assembly constitution amendments that the Synod approved.
- Council approved adopting Pr. Brenda's confirmation guidelines & requirements for Calvary's confirmands. Upon completion of these guidelines & requirements, Kelby Neujahr, Ethan Fjell and Kylee Kroll will be confirmed in 2020.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.



**Treasurer's Report**

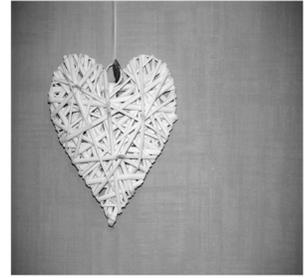
**November 2019**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,449.44</b>
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Offerings	12,463.68
Sunday School Offerings	85.00
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services	5.00
ELCA Mission Share	245.00
Designated to Evangelism & Outreach	400.00
Wessel Family Offering	540.00
Rising City October Share	240.29
	13,978.97
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Vanco eCheck Monthly Fee	8.59
Cody's Computer Maintenance Plan	34.99
Taking Faith Home	49.95
Reformed Worship	70.00
Christ In Our Home	77.20
Anti-Virus for Church's Pastor laptop pc	128.39
ELCA Good Gifts - Sunday School Offering	200.00
Bedient Pipe Organ Bi-Annual Service	250.00
Parsonage Cleaning	306.00
Rural Ministry Internship	500.00
Wessel Family - House Fire	540.00
Living Lutheran Subscription	689.15
Master Care Serv Front Door Restoration	800.00
Mowing 2019 Season	2,400.00
NE Synod ELCA Mission Share	1,520.00
Rising City November Share	1,267.69
<b>Utilities:</b>	
Church	238.64
Parsonage	180.39
<b>Salaries:</b>	
Pastor	1,360.09
Mileage	292.18
Portico Benefit Services	702.02
Diana	446.54
LeeAnn	236.64
Linda	543.01
	12,841.47
<b>Balance as of November 30, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 5,586.94</b>

\*This page is only seen by Calvary Members

## **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**

Return Service Requested

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**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NEBRASKA SYNOD, ELCA**

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