



OCTOBER, 2019

## ...IN SACRED PLACES...

### CELEBRATING MINISTRIES OF CALVARY AND ZION

A time of transition.....

#### LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Fall is a beautiful time of year, a time of change, a time of transition. We go from the fields and gardens that are a beautiful lush green to fields and plants drying up, turning brown – their bountiful produce ready to be picked and harvested. The days of summer that have been hot, now transition to cooler temperatures, nights where a blanket feels good. The long days where the sun rises early and sets late transitions into shorter days and longer evenings – dark when we get up in the morning, dark by evening mealtime. Summer days where short sleeves, short pants and sandals are the norm, transition to days where a jacket feels good.

**Yes, we are in the time of fall, or autumn – a time of transition.**

The congregations of Zion and Calvary also are in a time of transition. Change is good, when we remember to trust in God and know that his plan is far greater than anything we can begin to know. Please keep both congregations, their councils and the synod in your prayers as they go through this time of transition and change. As Zion seeks to close this chapter on their congregation, join them in thankful praise as they reflect on the blessings their congregation has received and have bestowed upon their community and their members throughout the years.

As Calvary proceeds through the call process and the search for another congregation to join us in our call to continue to serve the spiritual needs of the community, pray for Calvary members to continue to share their time, talents and treasures to continue to know God, to love God and to share God's love.

*Gracious calling God, call on us with your grace again and again. Renew us daily in the peace, hope, and eternal life we have been promised and which we have been called to proclaim. As we work to call a pastor to our congregation, may we count on the prayers of all members of this community of faith to uphold us, just as we trust your Spirit to guide us. We remember, God, you are the One who called us first. Amen.*

#### THANK YOU . . .

Dear friends at Swede Home,

Fall is in the air! We have enjoyed all the treats of summer. Our garden has produced many good veggies—and Cheryl, your corn was a special treat, THANK YOU!

Thank you for your recent donation of food, supplies and grocery items. You always bring such “Good Stuff”, especially the “Kid Food” and always some food we do not get very often, we appreciate your consistent and generous giving.

I am sending our fall/winter wish list, and Christmas wishes too. Please come visit anytime. We are always busy, but it is good when we are helping our ladies build a good life.

Thank you

Pat and the folks at Genesis House

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August 26, 2019

On behalf of all the volunteers of the Food for Thought Weekend Backpack Program and A Place at the Table, Inc., I would like to extend a very sincere and heartfelt “**Thank You!**” for your recent donation to care for those in need.

Because of the generosity of you and others here in our area, we are now bringing much-needed hunger relief to students at area schools, where in some places almost 50% of students are eligible for free/reduced school meals. to the schools each week.

We want you at Calvary to know that you are simply the best!! Thanks so much!

Jason Rosenkranz, Treasurer – A Place at the Table, Inc.

# Announcements

## Church news

. If you need to contact Linda, church secretary , please text or call her cell number 402-366-2091 and leave a message. You may call the church office at 402-764-5961, although messages will not be checked daily. So if you need an immediate response, please contact Linda directly.

If you have any articles for the newsletter, the deadline is the 20th of each month.

Pastor Kim’s birthday is October 23. If you would like to send a greeting, you can send it to her in care of

Salem Lutheran Church

103 E 2nd St Ponca NE 68770



If anyone has any small gourds or small pumpkins, milo or decorative corn that we could add to the fall arrangements in the outdoor planters in front of the church, we would appreciate it. Please let Linda know, or leave it on the table in the front entrance.

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

Happy fall! Many from our area are involved with harvest, so please keep them in your prayers to have a safe and bountiful harvest season.

\*Service for month of October is an offering for Adopt-a-Quilt or donate a blanket to be used for keeping the needy warm.

\*Altar care for October will be Jean Waller. November will be Miriam Circle.

\*Flowers in October will be by Mary Anna circle. November & December will be by Miriam circle. Thank you for watering any plants also.

\*Quilting fun and fellowship will be on October 24. Please join us for the last group quilting day of the year. We will plan to begin again in February or March.

\*Bingo at Midwest Covenant Home on Oct. 29 at 2:00 pm by Miriam & Mary Anna circles. Thanks.

\*SAVE THE DATE: WELCA General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8. Ruth Circle will be hosting this year. The Executive Committee will be meeting in mid-November, and I'll be contacting them to choose a date.

\*Time for Yearbook sign-up, so please talk with your circle leaders for next year’s lessons and hosts.

### OCTOBER

Hostess/Dessert	Bible Study
Ruth – 10/9 Janelle Udey	Janelle
Mary Anna- 10/10 LaVerne S.	??
Miriam – 10/11 Gloria O.	??

*“For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.” Deuteronomy 16:15b*  
Cheryl



## 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 October donations will go to Blue Valley food Pantry in Osceola.

Most recipients of the food pantry are women and children in need. They need food and grocery items, food that is easy to prepare and food children can fix for themselves.

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

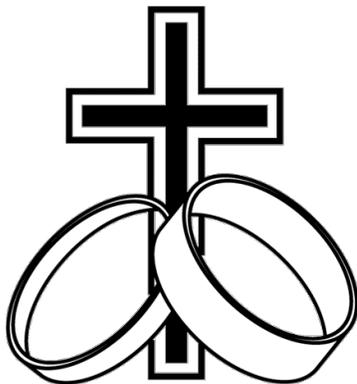


We would like to welcome Shelly Glatter, Osceola NE to Swedehome.

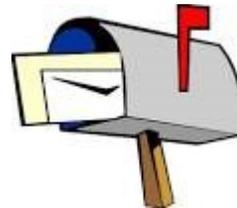
Shelly comes to us by transfer of membership from Salem Lutheran in Stromsburg.

Shelly's son and family, Ryan and Jennifer Fjell, Carter, Eli, Elise, and Ethan joined Swedehome last year.

Please welcome Shelly to our church family



On Saturday, October 21, at 4:00 pm Josie Krol and Erik Oquist will be united in marriage at Calvary-Swedehome. Please include them in your prayers and wish them joy, love and happiness on their wedding day and as they begin their new life together.



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Many members have selected to have their monthly newsletter emailed to them instead of picking it up at church or having it mailed directly to them by regular (snail) mail. The advantage of having the newsletter emailed is that you will receive it prior to the beginning of the new month, so you will not miss out on any activities. It will also save the church office the postage and printing expense. Either way, we are glad to see that you receive the newsletter. If you would like to have your newsletter delivered to your email address, please provide your email address to:

calvaryswedehomechurch@gmail.com or let Linda know

# RALLY DAY



This year at Calvary the Sunday School will be learning about Jesus from the Moment Mary receives the news that she is expecting through his birth.

Rally Sunday celebrated the start of these lessons by hosting a Baby Shower. We had a large number of baby gift items, and these gifts will be donated to local shelters.

Thanks to all that attended and also donated to the Baby Shower.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### C.H.E.R.I.S.H SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you have children who have participated in Sunday School you know that Calvary has a unique and vibrant Sunday School program. As we begin our fall session there are opportunities for people of all ages to be involved. Talk to Cheryl Jones to see what that can mean for you.

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### BENEDICT COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Benedict Sunday school will have joint Sunday School classes with the Methodist church, be-



Sunday, October 6, Sister Ann Hall will lead our service with Holy Communion. Please plan to attend.



The students that will be attending confirmation are: Ethan Fjell, Kylee Krol, and Kelby Neujahr, from Swede Home and Lyndsey Bolton and Harley Martin, from Zion.

- If you have any questions please contact Kent Adelson, Kay Jones or LuAnn Bolton. Pastor Brenda will instruct the class at Salem Lutheran in Stromsburg.
- Please note the following schedule for the remainder of the year:

October 2, 23 and 30 class will be held at 5:30 pm

There were be **no Class on October 9 & 16**

November 6 and 13 class will be held at 5:30 pm

There will be **no class on November 20 and 27**

December 4, 11, and 18 class will be held at 5:30 pm

There will be **no class on December 25 or January 1**



## MEET A MEMBER

Calvary Lutheran Church  
Nebraska Synod, ELCA  
950 129th Road  
Stromsburg, NE 68666  
Church Phone: (402)764-5981

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

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

**Pastor Megan Clausen will be on call for Zion, her contact number is 641-831-9499**

**Please contact Linda Fuhr, Church Secretary at [calvaryswedehomechurch@gmail.com](mailto:calvaryswedehomechurch@gmail.com) or her cell-Phone 402-366-2091, text is preferred or leave a voice message**

Zion Lutheran Church  
Nebraska Synod, ELCA  
202 Sherman  
Benedict NE 68316

Cal Bittinger, Council President  
Diana Johnson & Craig Swedenberg, Musicians  
Chris Jarosz, Sunday School

**Council Members:**

Cal Bittinger, LuAnn Bolton, Dawn Kush, Justin Schoch  
All of Zion members, Ministers



**LaVerne Stevens** was the second of three daughters born to Martin and Myrtle Jones. She and her sisters, Dorothy and Gloria, grew up on a farmed near Swede Home north of Highway 92. LaVerne was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Osceola and confirmed by Pastor Sward at Calvary.

LaVerne attended Lone Star country school and Osceola High School. After graduating in 1941 LaVerne worked in the Polk County Extension Office and the rationing office during World War II. She was the Deputy County Clerk for Polk county.

LaVerne met Horace (Spike) Stevens at a basketball tournament in Stromsburg. They married in 1946 in a double wedding with her sister, Delores, in Swede Home. LaVerne and Spike farmed near Polk. LaVerne and Spike had two children, Tom and Joann. Their family enjoyed riding their quarter horses and won hundreds of trophies at the horse shows they competed in around Nebraska.

LaVerne's family has grown over the years. Tom and his wife, Mary have two children. Courtney and her husband Rob have 9 year old Rhylan and 3 year old twins, Tylee and Taryn. Trent and wife Heather have Shia, 4 and Lux, 2. LaVerne is pleased to have her grandchildren and great grandchildren close in Polk county and Columbus. Her daughter Joann lives in Peoria, Arizona.

LaVerne, at 95 is now Calvary's oldest member and has always been an active member. She was on the church council several times and held most offices in the WELCA over the years. She has been an active volunteer and currently volunteers at the Rescue Shop in Stromsburg. Her favorite pastimes are playing pitch and bridge. LaVerne lives in Park Villa apartments in Stromsburg.

LaVerne agrees that Calvary church is a most friendly and welcoming place.



# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Melissa Forsberg	Elvin Reetz
Denny Johnson	Imo Richardson
Linda Johnson	Harvey Schlegelmilch
June Larson	Vance & Elaine Toline
Alice Jane Oquist	Jan Wells-Bachman

- Genesis House and Living Waters Rescue Mission, Blue Valley Action, & 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 congregations and members
- Our ELCA Partner Synod—Pacifica Synod

To request prayers call  
**Calvary: Jan Ernst 402-747-8041**  
**Zion: LuAnn Bolton 402-710-8708**

## ZION WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### October

Communion Assistant: Bri Schoch  
 Usher: Jim  
 Greeter: Donna

## ANNIVERSARIES

### CALVARY:

October 6  
 Mike and Deb Cramer  
 October 15  
 Wendy & Kelly Shaferberg

### ZION:

October 2  
 Ken and Dawn Kush  
 October 21  
 Gary and Janet Hild

## BIRTHDAYS

### CALVARY:

#### Oct

03 Clayton Watts  
 05 Tamara Rowse  
 07 Andrew Adelson  
 09 Kent Adelson  
 09 Elaine Toline  
 10 Randy Lott  
 18 Ava Ernst  
 18 Clerissa Udey  
 20 Corinne Adelson  
 21 Nate Johnson  
 21 Peter Jones  
 22 Gabe Hanquist  
 23 Pastor Kimberly Belken  
 24 Corey Watts  
 27 Yancy Krol  
 28 Rick Jones  
 31 Anita Haack  
 31 Marvin Larson

### ZION:

#### Oct

09 Calvin Bittinger  
 12 Donna Stearns  
 20 JoAnn Bolton



### READERS:

Oct 6 Gary Hild  
 Oct 13 Gina Schoch  
 Oct 20 Bri Schoch  
 Oct 27 LuAnn Bolton

### ACOLYTES:

Oct 6 Tierney Schoch  
 Oct 13 Lyndsey Bolton  
 Oct 20 Harley Martin  
 Oct 27 Axton Martin

## CALVARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### October

Assistant Minister –  
 Scripture Reader – Sandy Johnston  
 Ushers –  
 Altar/Communion – Jean Waller  
 Acolyte – Kelby Neujahr  
 Bell Ringer –

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30 pm confirmation	3	4	5
6 8:30a Zion Holy Communion Worship 9:30 Zion SS 9: 15a Calvary Sunday School 10:30a Calvary Holy Communion Worship Council meeting following worship	7	8	9 NO confirmation  7pm Men's Bi- ble Study 7 pm RUTH circle at Janelle Udey	10 2 pm MARY ANNA Circle	11 9 am MIRIAM Circle	12
13 8:30a Zion Worship 9:30a Zion SS 9:15a Calvary Sunday School 10:30a Calvary Worship	14	15	16 NO confirmation  7p Calvary Council	17	18 6pm Wedding Rehearsal	19 4pm Josie Krol and Erik Oquist wedding
20 8:30a Zion Holy Communion Worship 9:30 Zion SS 9: 15a Calvary Sunday School 10:30a Calvary Holy Communion Worship	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23 5:30 pm Confirmation	24 9 AM Quilt Day	25	26
27 8:30a Zion Worship 9:30a Zion SS 9:15a Calvary Sunday School 10:30a Calvary Worship	28	29 2 pm Bingo at MWCH, Miriam and Mary Anna	30 5:30 pm confirmation	31		

<b>Know God, Love God, Share God's Love</b>
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## COUNCIL NOTES

Council Notes, August 7, 2019

Council met two times during the month of September: once for the regular meeting which coincided with meeting the Council from Rising City, and once to discuss information from Pr. Megan Marrow regarding information about Sister Ann Hall.

The September 4 meeting began with exchanging thoughts between Calvary Council and Rising City Council concerning the need for an interim pastor for both congregations. The meeting between these two councils ended by agreeing to keep conversation open.

After the departure of Rising City's council, Calvary council continued with their regular meeting. All members were present.

The IVF Celebrate Grant payment has been received. Kay will get the monies dispersed to Annie Jeffery's Foundation and Nebraska Synod Prison Ministry.

The front church door will be refurbished by Master Care of Columbus sometime during the month of September. The process will take a week and be completed by Sunday service.

Report of the parsonage walk through revealed that all was left in good condition. Before the next occupant, the carpets will be cleaned and an outlet by the stove needs to be replaced. Pastor Kim left new bedding.

After some exploration it has been discovered that the dish and surrounding area for church and parsonage internet needs leaves and branches cleared which should resolve the problems of poor reception.

Highway pick is scheduled for September 29. A reminder will be placed in the bulletin.

Motion of new member transfer request for Shelly Fjell was approved.

Nominating committee needs another member due to a member moving away.

Council is looking for anyone interested and/or enjoys working on webpages to update and keep current Calvary's webpage.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

### Treasurer's Report

	August 2019
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1,809.72</b>
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Offering	7,885.00
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services	5.00
ELCA Mission Share	225.00
Zion June & July Share	3,497.72
	<b>11,612.72</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Vanco eCheck Monthly Fee	9.24
Communion Wine	15.99
Cody's Computer Maintenance Plan	34.99
Office Net; copier paper & Contract Amt	217.70
Postage Stamps	220.00
Nebraska Synod, ELCA - Mission Share	1,520.00
Zion Benedict August Share	1,702.75
<b>Utilities:</b>	
Church	282.23
Parsonage	164.46
<b>Salaries:</b>	
Pastor	2,291.22
Mileage	233.70
SECA	227.85
Portico Benefits	1,055.86
Diana	446.54
LeeAnn	236.64
Linda	510.69
	<b>9,169.86</b>
<b>Balance as of August 31, 2019:</b>	<b>\$4,252.58</b>

## **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

Stromsburg, NE 68666  
950 Road 129th

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NEBRASKA SYNOD, ELCA**

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