



JULY 2021

...IN SACRED PLACES...

CELEBRATING MINISTRY OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Summer is here! Fully and truly here! The sun is out most days, temperatures are soaring, humidity cannot be denied, crops are growing, and happy sounds can be heard from the swimming pool and the ballfields.

I'm a warm weather girl, and I actually enjoy humidity (yes, you read that correctly, I like humidity). I love being outside whether it's sitting on my deck with a good book, at the ballfield cheering for my kids, exercising, or picnicking.

This is also the season of the year that many of us enjoy Sabbath. Time away from everyday obligations; time to focus on ourselves and our families; a time for rest. Sabbath is a time commanded to us by God, as it says in the third commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy."

I think we add a clause onto that commandment though. Ours seems to sound a bit more like, "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy during the summer months. The rest of the year, most of us aren't so good at taking this special time of centering ourselves in God and renewing our spirits so that we can be fruitful in our lives all the other days of the week.

Wayne Muller, in his book *Sabbath*, refers to our constant overwork as a type of violence we inflict on ourselves. This violence breaks us down to the point where our bodies are exhausted and we no longer find joy in our many callings. It seems as if God knew that we would, more often than not, succumb to this kind of violence and the myth that more work equals more self-worth. After all, the commandment says,

"Remember the Sabbath Day." *Remember.* God knew we would easily forget, and so God implores us to "remember to delight in your life, in the fruits of your labor. Remember to stop and offer thanks for the wonder of it." (Muller, Wayne. *Sabbath*.)

This is not only a time for us to *remember* God's command to celebrate Sabbath, but for us to begin a new *habit of Sabbath* in our lives. Take a Sabbath day, a Sabbath afternoon, or a Sabbath hour. Worship together, centering your day, your afternoon, or your hour on the source of all life! Do something that will feed your body and your soul: go for a walk, draw a picture, quilt, read a book, take a nap; but whatever you do, do nothing out of obligation, but everything out of the joy we find in God who promises us new life and implores us to rest in the love God gives.

Pastor Sarah



Announcements

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

Cheryl will deliver after July 25



Please place items you wish to donate in the basket July items go to

Genesis House—David City



On Sunday, May 16th, 2021 we welcomed Jaxon Cole McCarville to our church family as he was baptized. Parents of Jaxon are: Josh and Kailie McCarville, along with big sister Emersyn. Jaxon was born on October 28,, 2019. His sponsors are Chlancey Dittmer and Drew McCarville. It is with joy that we have a new child of God among us.

Blessings to Jaxon and his family.

W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

*Annual Swede Home Ice Cream Social is back! We're all looking forward to enjoying some yummy homemade ice cream in the shade of the trees on **Sunday, July 18 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** Invite your friends to join in the fun and fellowship! If you'd enjoy helping or furnishing food and haven't been contacted yet, please let Deb Hanquist or Cheryl Jones know. Thanks to everyone who makes this a memorable event for all who attend!

* Ice cream served at Midwest Covenant Home Assisted Living will be Monday, July 19 at 2:30 p.m.

*July Altar Care will be by Diana Johnson, and August will be Kathi Jones and Mary Stevens.

*Flowers in July & August by Ruth Circle. Thank you Kathi Jones for all your beautiful flower arrangements!

*Special Thanks to Linda Fuhr for watering the plants at church to keep them looking nice!

*Quilting fun and fellowship will be on July 22.

* Thank you to all those serving coffee after church this summer! We're really enjoying the fellowship.

July Circle Meetings

Hostess/Dessert Bible Study

Miriam – 7/9 (none listed) Diana Johnson

Ruth – 7/14 Deb Hanquist Deb Hanquist

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” ~ Romans 14:17

May you find joy this summer, especially in the beautiful sunrises and sunsets, all gifts from God.

Cheryl

Calvary Members:

Your kitchen is wonderful!!!! Thank you for sharing it with the P.J. Jones Clan!!!

Carolyn Jones Nordstrom

In addition to the thank you, Carolyn sent several dish towels to be used in the kitchen.

Synod Assembly

RECIPES



2021 Nebraska Synod Assembly

The Nebraska Synod Assembly, “We Are One”, was held virtually on Saturday, June 5. Monty & Cheryl Jones were the delegates from Calvary this year. They went to First Lutheran in Rising City to meet with Pastor Sarah Ruch (& Aaron), Wally & Luanne Kilgore and Rogene McMeekin. It made for a fun day as we all watched via Zoom, and voted electronically, too. Always more fun with more people, rather than sitting at home alone in front of the computer!

Opening the assembly was an inspiring worship service led by Rev. Jessica Crist, of the Montana Synod, celebrating 50/40/10 years of Women in Ministry. Then the voting section to elect delegates for National Assembly (and other activities) was in the morning, completed before lunch break.

We all brought sack lunches and even had time for a quick walk around the block to get moving before afternoon sessions began.

Bishop Brian Maas presented his report and discussed a variety of topics: Covid 19 & pandemic fatigue (he reminded us to be in touch with all members whether they are involved in person or virtually or if we need to reach out personally); pervasion of technology & social media (new Nebraska Synod website will be revealed this summer); racism; grief; signs of hope; and mindfulness. He also stated that there is a nationwide shortage of ministers.

We want to thank the congregation for selecting us to be delegates to represent Swede Home this year. It was a memorable experience.

Monty & Cheryl Jones

Part of this recipe column is the sharing of stories behind the recipe. July’s recipe comes from Linda Fuhr. She writes that while going through her sister, Betty’s, recipes, she found one with an interesting title, “**Dolly Parton Salad**” She is not sure where the title came from, but the recipe is from Lillian Ernst, with a 1985 date. Lillian was a close friend and neighbor of Betty’s, and Mary Stevens is Lillian’s daughter. Hope you enjoy reading this recipe from the past.

Dolly Parton Salad

2 Cups Water

1 pkg instant lemon pudding

1 pkg vanilla tapioca pudding

1 6 oz pkg lemon Jell-O

Boil the 2 cups of water and pour over the packages of pudding and Jell-O that have been placed in a large bowl. Stir well and chill until syrupy.

Add a medium carton of whipped topping

1 - #2 can of crushed pineapple, juice and all

2 small cans of mandarin oranges, drained.

Place in a large bowl or in a 9”x13” pan

Refrigerate and serve when ready



CELEBRATION



On Sunday June 6th, the Oquist family hosted the after church coffee to celebrate the 90th birthday of Gloria. Members were happy to enjoy the “outdoor on the lawn” coffee and extend greetings to Gloria. What a delightful start to renewing the after worship fellowship following the COVID restrictions.

Many of Gloria’s family attended worship service, and more family and friends came to attend the coffee.

Pictured above Are: Duane and Brenda, Gloria, Megan, Lisa and Dan.



Enjoy your summer.

UPCOMING EVENT



Carol Joy Holling Camp Quilt Auction Saturday, July 31, 2021

Quilts handcrafted by individuals, congregations, and groups from Nebraska and beyond will be auctioned to fund summer camp scholarships.

View quilts, schedule and absentee bidding instructions:

CJHCenter.org/quilt-auction

Free parking and admission!

Carol Joy Holling Camp

27416 Ranch Road

Ashland, NE 68003

Upcoming events

From the Past



The 4th of July is a time for family and friends to get together and celebrate our nation's independence.

Pastor Sarah will be on a mission trip to Savannah, GA the first week of July. PR Ted Carnahan will conduct worship services.



Save the date of Sunday, **July 18**, Swede Home will have their annual Ice Cream Social!!

Come help,
Come eat
Ice Cream,
COME!!!!



We received the following letter—with the above picture. We will place the picture in our collection of confirmation pictures.

“My Father, David N. Nordling, (with the little bow tie), is seated on Pastor Jonas E Nordling’s left. My father was born in 1892, so according to the age for confirmation, the picture must have been taken about 1900.

I think this is a wonderful picture and I am glad you can display it for an historical record for your church.

Patricia Nordling Newby
697 S. Diana Lane
Meridan Idaho 83642

Meet a Member

This month our Meet the Member is Pastor Sarah. It has already been 6 months since she began her ministry at Calvary-Swede Home and First English-Rising City. What a blessing she is to our faith family, and she and the councils have extended her contract for another 6 months. For this we are thankful.

Pastor Sarah and her family are blessed to live in Lincoln, only 6 blocks from her parents, Howard and Linda Rasmussen. Pastor Sarah's father is a pastor also, as is her husband, Miles.

She was born in Lincoln Nebraska on March 20th, and baptized at United Lutheran Church in Lincoln. She was confirmed at Calvary Lutheran in Grand Island and graduated from Falls City Nebraska where she met her future husband. She is definitely a home grown Nebraska girl. She graduated from Midland College and went to seminary in St Paul, Minnesota. An interesting fact, while she was in seminary she stayed in the same apartment building that her father stayed in when he attended seminary.

Her husband is an ordained ELCA minister serving in Seward Nebraska. They have 3 children: daughter Hannah is 18 and attends East High School, Caleb is 14 and will be a freshman and Aaron is 9 and will be in the 4th grade at Maxey Elementary School. The children all are involved in many activities, yet many times they are up bright and early on Sunday morning (like 5AM) and make the trip to both church services at First and Swede Home. They often come individually and get some special Mom time along with lots of windshield time. Many times they listen to audio books, or just enjoy the trip to the country. Caleb has had of lots of time behind the wheel as he learns to drive. The muddy gravel roads and watching for deer are always interesting!

Her many hobbies include road cycling (the two wheel, man (woman) powered kind), crocheting, traveling and big family vacations. Pastor Sarah loves the time here as a Transitional Minister – she is looking forward to a mission trip to Savannah, GA that she and her husband will be sponsoring from July 3 to July 10. The trip is organized by First Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

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Every Member of the Congregation—

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Kent Adelson, Co-Council President

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Diana Johnson, Organist

Linda Fuhr, Secretary

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Council Members:

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

Sandra Johnston, Dan Ienn, Fran Lott

All Calvary members, Ministers

We will have Pastor Sarah Ruch as our transition minister. This is her contact information:

Text or call 402-833-8318

Email: pastorsarahruch@gmail.com

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

Please contact Linda Fuhr, Church Secretary at calvaryswedehomechurch@gmail.com or text or call 402-366-2091,

We Reach to all our faith family in prayer and celebration

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Melissa Forsberg
Janice Forsberg
Denny Johnson
June Larson
Elaine Toline

Jan Wells-Bachman
George Belken .
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 congregations and members
- Brody Ienn in service to our country
- Council as they continue the process of church profile and calling a minister
- Our leaders as they face COVID19 decisions
- Our companion synods in Tanzania and Argentina

To request prayers please email the church or call
Linda (402-366-2091) or Cheryl (402-366-4797)

PRAY &
BELIEVE

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

03 Chris & Heidi Smith
06 Bob & Bonnie Dittmer
12 Josh & Kailie
McCarville
20 Tom and Lynn
Hoffman
23 Lew and Carolyn
Nielsen
25 Ty and Erica Twarling
27 Rod & Kay Jones



BIRTHDAYS

JULY

01 Betty Hinkle
03 Jacob Adelson
04 Jessica Noble
05 Patrick Bush
08 LeeAnn Willhoft
08 Phyllis Yungdahl
10 Teresa Johnson
10 Jill Westring
11 Missy Althouse
13 Ryan Johnson
14 Kobe Brouillette
17 Carol Nicholson
18 Kris Udey
21 Carolyn Nielsen
25 Kirk Dittmer
25 Tina Watts
26 Scott Fredrickson
30 Dennis Johnson

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



JULY

Assistant Minister – Tina Kilgore
Scripture Reader – Carolyn Nielsen
Ushers – Todd Hanquist & Wayne Johnson
Altar/Communion – Diana Johnson
Acolyte – Shyenne Krol
Bell Ringer – Todd Hanquist

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

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 10:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9 Miriam Circle	10
11 10:30 am Worship Service	12	13	14 7 pm Men's Bible Study Ruth Circle	15	16	17
18 10:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 6:30 Ice Cream Social	19 2:30 pm MWCH Ice cream social	20	21	22 Quilt Day	23	24
25 10:30 am Worship Service	26	27	28	29	30	31

Know God, Love God, Share God's Love

COUNCIL NOTES

Church council met June 6, 2021 following worship. Present was Kent, Dan O, Dan I, Fran, Lynn, Sandy, Pastor Sarah.

We will invite Midwest Covenant Home to speak to our congregation about their services.

Calvary and First Lutheran will renew our contract with Pastor Sarah for a six months extension.

We are investigating the legal and tax issues of renting our parsonage during the interim between pastors.

Via de Cristo is reaching out to anyone interested in attending Via de Cristo Coed Weekend September 23-26, 2021 at Comeca Camp and Retreat Center in Cozad. More information is available at www.coloradovdc.org or on Facebook: Colorado VdC.

We will continue mailing home worship bulletins to our local shut ins and emailing bulletins to everyone who is on our email list.

The leaks in the Sunday school building and in the steeple are being fixed and the work completed before the Ice Cream Social in July.

Our audio system can record the services for our shut-ins and anyone who wants it. Andrew Adelson is our tech advisor.

Pastor Sarah will be away on July 4th. Pastor Ted Carnahan will be our supply pastor that Sunday

The treasurers report was approved.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is July 11, 2021, following church



Treasurer Report

May 2021

Beginning Balance	\$ 22,266.00
OFFERINGS:	
General	8,742.00
Sunday School	25.00
ELCA LIRS	5.00
ELCA Mission Share	300.00
First Lutheran April	<u>1,423.22</u>
	10,495.22
EXPENSES:	
Vanco echeck	9.69
Cody's Computer Contract	34.99
Office Net contract base & Use	157.38
Office Net copier paper	184.70
Sundays & Seasons Year C 2022	196.64
May mowing & Tree removal	257.50
Bedient Pip Organ service agreement	275.00
NE Synod ELCA mission Share	1,560.00
First English May share	<u>1,420.91</u>
UTILITIES	
Church	272.47
Parsonage	100.13
SALARIES	
Pastor	1,283.83
Portico Benefits	796.15
Commuting Allowance	366.91
SECA	127.68
Mileage	31.74
Cell Phone allowance	32.50
Supply Organist Beth Johnson	50.00
Diana	476.24
LeeAnn	241.50
Linda	<u>356.56</u>
	9,543.67
Balance May 31,2021	\$24,528.70

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