



150 YEARS—1873–2023

CELEBRATING MINISTRY OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



At the end of the month of May, we celebrated Pentecost, the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to us. Now, we are in the season of “Sundays after Pentecost” or “Ordinary Time.” We will continue to

learn more about our Triune God. As Lutherans, we tend to talk about the Father and the Son more than the Holy Spirit. Yet, the Holy Spirit is the person of God who is within us, with us wherever we go. What does knowing that the Holy Spirit is with us mean as we are in worship, in the church, in our community, or out in the world?

The blazing Holy Spirit helps us grow with the gifts that God has given us. There are so many gifts in the world, but you may have heard of some from a Galatians passage. Galatians 5:22-23 says, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (New English Translation).

The fruit of love asks us to love one another unconditionally, without expectations. The fruit of joy is a gift that we need in our world full of sorrow and suffering. The fruit of peace is needed as we continue to become more and more divided in our beliefs. The fruit of patience grants the wisdom to listen before speaking. When we strive for to follow the ways of Jesus, we bear the fruit of kindness. When we spread the good into a world full of sin and evil we bear the fruit of goodness. The fruit of faithfulness brings about a trust in our God and an eagerness to spread faith into the world.

Finally, the fruit of self-control is doing our best to stop the sinful impulses that come across our minds.

The Holy Spirit has been moving in you throughout your baptismal life. The Holy Spirit gives you gifts to spread the word of Jesus, the love from the Father, and plant fruit that will last. Let these different gifts shine in all that you do and spread the Spirit of God into the world. Amen!

+Peace

Pastor Hillary



Announcements

The Evangelism and Outreach Team oversees a non-perishable food and personal care item collection.



Please place items you wish to donate in the basket June donations go to:

Blue Valley Community Action—Osceola

THANK YOU!
thank you!

Dear Meals from the Heart

Thank you so much for the complete meal you

prepared for our family.

It was delicious and delivered at just the right time, as out of town (State) relatives had just arrived!

We especially thank our church family for loving and taking care of us during the time of our sadness.

Love and thanks from all of us,

Kent, Gia, Andrew and Jacob

To the Funeral Luncheon Group:

Thank you to everyone who planned, set up, cleaned up, served and prepared the food for Corinne's funeral service.

It was all so nicely done and our entire family appreciated it so much.

Thank you once again for showing us your love in the caring service you provided.

Kent, Gia, Andrew, Jacob and all the Adelson Family

W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

Summer will be arriving soon and it's time to start planning the Swede Home Ice Cream Social, to be held **July 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Sign up sheets will be available for you at June Circle meetings. Please return sign-up sheets to Deb Hanquist or Cheryl Jones soon after your circle meetings. If you're not in a circle, please talk to Deb or Cheryl about how and when you'd like to help. If you are unable to work or bring food, cash donations are always needed. Thanks so much!

*Remember Ice Cream at Assisted Living at Covenant Home on Monday, 7/17 at 2:30 p.m.

*Thanks in advance to EVERYONE for all you do to make the annual Ice Cream Social a success!

*Summer Coffees after worship will be served by Miriam on June 4, 11, 18, 25, and July 2. Ruth Circle will serve July 9, 23, 30, August 6, 20, and 27.

*Thanks to those serving coffee after the Swede Home Memorial Day Service and to Ruth Circle for furnishing VBS snacks.

*Service for month of June is an offering to go to ELCA World Hunger Campaign.

*June Altar Care will be by Kay Jones and July by Diana Johnson.

*Flowers and Cheer in June will be Miriam Circle. July, August and September will be Ruth Circle.

JUNE CIRCLE MEETINGS

Hostess/Dessert Bible Study

Miriam – 6/8 Diana Johnson Diana

Ruth – 6/14 Bonnie @ 4th St Coffee Stromsburg

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

~ Galatians 5:22

Grace & Peace to you,

Cheryl

Recipes



Our mission statement includes “Share God’s Love” Swede Home is known for its loving care of others. In celebration of our 150th anniversary, the council has designated special mission offerings. Beginning at the Q150 special music service on April 30 there will be a special offering plate available each and every Sunday.

The council will decide on the designated recipients of this mission offering.



Are you receiving your monthly newsletter—but would also like to receive a printed copy so that you have it handy and all the members of your family can read it?

If so, please leave a message at church (402-764-5981) text Linda (402-366-2091) or email the church at

calvaryswedehomechurch@gmail.com

We would be glad to add you to the printed mailing of the newsletter.

Applesauce Raisin Nut Bread

Ben Carlson shared this recipe for Apple Raisin Nut Bread. The recipe came from the American Heart Association Cookbook

1 cup applesauce (to reduce calories, may use unsweetened Applesauce)

½ cup oil

½ cup sugar

1 ¾ cup flour (sifted)

1 tsp baking soda

½ tsp salt

1 tsp cinnamon

½ tsp cloves

½ tsp nutmeg

1 egg, slightly beaten

1 cup raisins

1 cup chopped nuts

Mix applesauce, oil and sugar

Combine sifted flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg

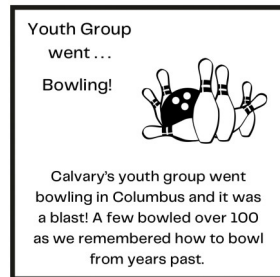
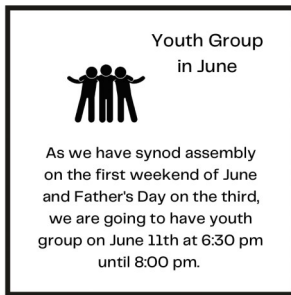
Add to the applesauce, oil and sugar – mixing well after adding

Add the egg, raisins, nuts – mixing well after each addition

Pour into a greased and floured 8x4 loaf pan. Bake 325 degrees for 1 hour 20 minutes



Growing in Faith



Shine Jesus Light

The First United Methodist and St. Paul Lutheran Church of Osceola will be hosting Vacation Bible School for the community's children from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. June 5th through the 9th at the First United Methodist Church in Osceola. Registration forms may be picked up at either church or by contacting Kelsey Gabel (402-223-7704) or Miranda Ericson (402-875-0091). Registration forms were also sent home with every child who attends Prek-6 at Osceola Public Schools. Please either drop off your completed forms to the church or to the school as soon as possible. Vacation Bible School is open to children age 4 through those who are currently in sixth grade. All children must be 4 by the first day of VBS and must be potty trained to attend. Each year, we get lots of monetary donations and donations of food and supplies for VBS. While we will still need those this year, we are in DESPERATE need of teachers and helpers for the week at VBS. Please consider volunteering your mornings during the week of June 5-9 to keep this awesome program possible for our youth in the community. Contact either Kelsey or Miranda (info above) if you would be willing to serve in this way. We are excited to once again welcome the children from the community back to Vacation Bible School.

Helping—Koleton Udey and Kamdyn Udey

What's Happening

Our church is a busy place

The church fellowship hall is reserved for Sunday, June 11 at 12:30 pm for the Jones family reunion.

The fellowship hall is also reserved for Sunday, July 9 at 12:30 pm for Kay Jones family reunion.

July 16 is the annual ice cream social, beginning at 6 pm of course the whole weekend will be busy with preparations for ice cream, treats, and beautiful floral arrangements, and of course the set up of picnic tables! If you are able to volunteer time for any of the pre social events—please contact Kay Jones. Because of the 150 celebration, special activities are planned with activities for the youth (or young at heart) there will be a bouncy house and face painting.

July 17—the social moves to Midwest Covenant Home with serving ice cream and treats—if you can help with that service, let Mary Stevens know.

We are building up to the 150th anniversary celebration on August 13 with the worship service led by Bishop Scott Johnson. We are planning special guests for the worship service and there will be a catered meal following the service. If you would like to help with activities that day please let Linda Fuhr know.

Our closing event will be on October 22 with a special music and art worship service led by Diana. This will include a reception honoring Diana Johnson who will be retiring as our music director after 45 years of dedicated service (she started part time in 1975, and went full time 2-3 years later). She will continue to lead worship until the end of the year.

Q 150 celebration

On Sunday, April 30th we had our first of two Music and Art services. We thank Diana for the reflections she wrote regarding the Stain Glass Windows and for the beautiful recital on our pipe organ. Special thanks to Jeff Goldenstein, Diana's brother, who read several poems reflective of the day.



Member updates

On Sunday, May 7 we welcomed Bradley and Susan Sundberg as members of Calvary Lutheran Swede Home.

We will be featuring each of them in upcoming "Meet the Member" articles.



We are so blessed to have such an amazing community support. Thanks to all your donations to Shelby Rising City Post prom. We had 90 kids participate in post prom this year! Thank you.

Shelby Rising City Junior Class Parents

Dear Calvary Lutheran Church

Thank you for your donations that made this prom possible.

Cross County Juniors

Thank you!!!!

Your generosity helped make post prom successful!

Signed by the High Plains Post Prom 2023 attendees

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Every Member of the Congregation—Ministers

Randy Lott, Council Chairman
 Kent Adelson, Council Vice Chairman
 Missy Althouse, Council Secretary
 Diana Johnson, Organist
 Linda Fuhr, Secretary
 LeeAnn Willhoft, Custodian

Council Members:

Todd Hanquist, Lynn Hofmann, Dan Oquist,
 Kent Adelson, Missy Althouse, Kris Udey, Randy Lott
 Jarrett Althouse, youth representative

Pastor Evan Cell Phone 402-689-5495 (text or call)
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Pastor Hillary Cell Phone 402-980-1102 (text or call)
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IF you are texting or emailing a pastor, please include both pastors in the text or email

Please contact Linda Fuhr, Church Office Manager at
 calvaryswedehomechurch@gmail.com or text or call
 402-366-2091, If you have not done so, follow **Swede Home** on
 our Facebook page.

Thank you for your gift given to your synod of \$1,250.00
 and received by ELCA World Hunger in March of 2023.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hung and
 poverty in over 60 countries including the United States.
 Through your gifts you join the whole church in working
 toward a just world where all are fed.

Amanda White, Director, Congregational Generosity
 ELCA World Hunger

Meet a Member — Susan Sundberg



Sue grew up on a farm south of Polk. Her mom lives at Hearthstone in York. She has an older sister living in Texas and a brother in York. We have three children and four awesome grandkids, soon to be five!!

Sue graduated from Polk High School and went to Grand Island School of Business. She then moved to Lincoln and worked until Brad and she got married. They lived on a farm south of Polk for a short time, then moved to a farm west of Polk, then moved to the farm where they have lived for 40 years.

Brad and Sue like to go camping and currently had a camper at the RV park at Harlan County Reservoir. She is a fair-weather fisherwoman, so she fishes some and reads books some whole out fishing. They like to travel in Nebraska and other places in the United States.

Sue likes to read, do sudoku puzzles and spend time outside. She especially likes to spend time with the grandkids and kids. She likes to watch Husker sports and is a Kansas City Chiefs fan!

She really appreciates Pastor Evan and Pastor Hillary and everyone at Swede Home welcoming them as members of Calvary.

Welcome
 to our
Church Family



We Reach to all our faith family in prayer and celebration

**REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**



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|--|-------------------------|
| Melissa Forsberg | Jan Wells-Bachman |
| Janice Forsberg | Jaydn Johnson |
| June Larson | Luna Stauber |
| Beth Wienik | Cheryl Jones |
| | Duane Jones |
| • Genesis House and Living Waters Rescue Mission, Blue Valley Action | Sally Sterup |
| | Charles Hays |
| | Gloria Oquist |
| | Baby James Day & Family |
| • Houses for Health recipients. | |
| • Bishop Scott Johnson and the Nebraska Synod staff | |
| • Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and all ELCA congregations and members | |
| • Brody Ienn in service to our country | |
| • Our government leaders | |

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

Dear Calvary Lutheran Church of Swede Home,

Thank you for your donation of \$125. We were able to sponsor one girl and have an awesome year!

Jeffrey Elementary
Osceola

Girls on the Run



ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

JUNE

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 Amy & Drew Harris | 02 Ethan Fjell |
| 3 Evan & Hillary Christensen | 03 Gloria Oquist |
| 3 Yancy and Kim Krol | 05 Marj Johnson |
| 6 Dennis & Betty Hinkle | 05 Sandy Johnston |
| 10 Roxanne & Jerome Czarnick | 07 Jedediah Adelson |
| 16 Tim and Missy Althouse | 10 Talia Frank |
| | 11 Becky Nielsen Willhoft |
| | 16 June Larson |
| | 19 Jonathan Hanquist |
| | 19 Aaron Oquist |
| | 19 Erik Oquist |
| | 21 Wendy Shafenberg |
| | 21 Trent Stevens |
| | 22 Vince Krol |
| | 23 Craig Brouillette |
| | 28 Deborah Ernst |
| | 28 Olivia Nielsen |
| | 28 Abigail Jones |
| | 29 Gary Waller |
| | 30 Mike Neujahr |



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"

JUNE

- Assistant Minister – Kay Jones
 Scripture Reader – Bonnie Carlson
 Ushers – Dan and Fawn Ienn
 Altar – Kay Jones
 Acolyte –
 Bell Ringer –

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 10:30 am worship with communion Council meeting	5	6	7	8 9 am Miriam Circle @ Diana Johnson	9	10
11 10:30 AM Worship Noon—Jones reunion 6 pm Youth Group	12	13 7 pm Men's Bible Study	14 9am Ruth Circle at 4th Street Coffee Bonnie Carlson host	15	16	17
18 10:30 am Worship with Communion	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 10:30 am Worship Service	26	27	28	29	30	



We are going to try a new system of communication at Calvary Lutheran Church. This system uses text messages to communicate. We will still communicate by email as well.

If you have not received the welcome message please text SWEDEHOME to 84576 to join

If you do not want to receive notifications send STOP to end the messages



The Swedish Festival is right around the corner (June 16-18) with the Parade on Saturday, June 17.

We have a group interested in having a Q150 Swede Home float—if you are interested and willing to help in any way, please contact Dan Oquist 402-366-8157.

Thanks



On Memorial Day, Monday May 29th the Swede Home Cemetery Board held services honored our departed veterans. Pastor Evan gave the talk with Pastor Hillary, Ryan Jones, Duane Oquist and Rick Jones assisting with the program. The Stromsburg Legion Post #132 provided the avenue of flags and the Salute to the Dead. Approximately 50 attended the services and refreshments were served in the church fellowship hall following the service.

Thanks to all who helped and attended this day of respect and honor.



The Synod is offering an online Zoom class. Please talk to Pastor Evan or Pastor Hillary if you are interested and would like more information.

Language for God: A Lutheran Perspective Emmaus Summer 2023

TUESDAYS; JULY 25, AUGUST 1, AUGUST 8

- 7:00 pm

- Tuesday, July 25 to Tuesday, July 25

Online

Tuesdays–July 25, August 1, 8

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm Central/6:00-7:30 Mountain.

Program Description;

We live in a time when some parts of the church are asking for more expansive language when we talk about God, and others find themselves troubled by what may appear to be departure from or criticism for well-known, well-loved imagery for God. Some time spent pondering why this matters and how we might engage people across the entire spectrum could be good for us all. "This book is for a variety of people, including those who are unsure of why language and images for God matter; those who need assurance that language and images for God include all genders, including people who identify as queer; and those who want language for God to be faithful to the Scriptures and to the witness of the Christian theological tradition."; The book has been featured in Living Lutheran.

This is a 3-session course offered online using Zoom. Each session will include conversation about the assigned chapters with time for questions. Sessions are 75 minutes each.

- Week 1 Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2
- Week 2 Chapters 3 and 4
- Week 3 Chapters 5 and 6 and Conclusion

Instructor; The Rev. Scott Alan Johnson was born and raised on a family farm near Wakefield, NE. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Classics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary. Prior to being elected bishop of the Nebraska Synod in 2022, he served as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Barrett, MN, as campus pastor of the University Lutheran Center at Iowa State University in Ames, IA, as pastor of St. Petri Lutheran Church in Story City, IA, and as Director of Campus Ministries at Midland University in Fremont, NE. Scott and his wife Kristin are the proud parents of two daughters, and they live in Fremont, NE.

Class Details;

Dates: Tuesdays – July 25, August 1, 8 Time: 7:00 -8:30 pm Central/6:00-7:30 Mountain.

Format: This is an online Zoom course. Links will be emailed in advance the week before the course begins.

Materials: Participants will need to secure their own copy of the book. Come prepared with note taking supplies.

Target Audience: This Emmaus: Lifelong Learning course is for high school youth and adults of all ages who seek to understand how we use the language for God in a faithful way.

Costs: Course fee is \$20/person plus the price of the book.

Students need to purchase their own copy of Language for God: A Lutheran Perspective by Mary Streufert

Purchase through [Amazon](#) and other book sellers. We encourage supporting local book stores.

COUNCIL NOTES

Church Council met on May 7th following worship service.

Present: Kris, Lynn, Todd, Randy, Jarrett, Missy, Dan, Pastor Evan

Absent: Kent

Sunday School building furnace is being discussed
3-point congregation councils Book study went well
Designated mission fund for Q150 is still being discussed

Parsonage update:

Got an extension for claim.
Cost was out of line for what needs done.
Put bid in and whatever cost is left over,
find private contractor.
Pastor Evan and Pastor Hillary will remain
living in Genoa

Restroom sign will be hung up
Exploring option of Dinner Church (meal & fellowship) on a weeknight

Vacation Bible School – June 5-9, 8:30 to 11:30
Kamdyn will attend and Koleton will be a helper
Ruth Circle contacted to serve treats for one day

Q 150 report:

Events are going well
October 22 is Diana's 2nd recital, reception will take place following church service
August 13 celebration planning continues with the service with the Bishop and attending past pastors. Catered meal will follow the service

Treasurer Report continued:

Transfers to:

Improvement Fund:	\$ 20.00
Thrivent Grant	438.00
General Savings	3,200.00
(Corrine Adelson's Memorial designated to Q150)	

Treasurer's Report

	April 2023
Beginning Balance	\$1,158.16
Offerings:	
General Offering	10,364.00
Q150 Mission Giving	525.00
Lent - Backpack Program	460.00
NE Synod ELCA Disaster Relief	5.00
ELCA Mission Share	2,583.00
First Lutheran R.C.; March Share	1,895.99
Augustana Genoa; March Share	2,774.33
	<u>18,607.32</u>
Transfer: from Memorial for Framing	418.43
Expenses:	
Vanco eCheck Monthly Fee	9.69
Council's Joint Bible Study Books	18.24
Weebly Custom Domain-Annual Web Fee	19.95
Harland Clarke Check Order	25.60
Cody's Computer - Contract Agreement	39.99
Baptism Certificates & Cross	59.69
Kitchen Supplies	73.33
Letterhead Stationary	103.20
Eakes Copier Contract	129.76
USPO Postage	160.80
Biediet Pipe Organ Co 2 of 4 Installments	280.00
Framing of 2 Military Historical Rosters	418.43
Q150 Campaign & Events	613.44
Overland Sand & Gravel	693.82
Lorray Smith Estate - Mission Giving:	
Anne Jeffrey Hospital (12 of 12)	1,000.00
Lent Offering to the Backpack Program	1,540.00
NE Synod ELCA Mission Share	1,580.00
First Lutheran R.C. April Share	1,903.10
Augustana Genoa April Share	2,803.99
Utilities:	
Church	1,349.09
Parsonage	432.90
Genoa Parsonage	185.60
Salaries:	
Pastor	2,474.56
Portico Benefit Services	1,207.12
Commuting Reimbursement	158.33
SECA	217.68
Mileage Reimbursement	69.93
Cell Phone Reimbursement	38.00
Diana	476.24
LeeAnn	241.50
Linda	567.09
Tax Withholdings Lay First Quarter	741.13
	<u>19,632.20</u>
Balance as of April 30, 2023:	<u>\$551.71</u>

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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.....IN SACRED PLACES.....