

# ...IN SACRED PLACES...

## CELEBRATING MINISTRIES OF CALVARY AND ZION LUTHERAN CHURCHES

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KIM



One of the things that I find beautiful about the Lutheran tradition is its liturgy. Liturgy is the work of the people and it is a means through which we worship, encounter, and experience God. In her first book, *Pastrix*, Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber first encountered liturgy when she attended a Lutheran church with her boyfriend. She shares:

*It was in those first couple months that I fell in love with the liturgy, the ancient pattern of worship shared mainly in Catholic, Lutheran, Orthodox, and Episcopal churches. It felt like a gift that had been caretaken by generation of the faithful and handed to us to live out and caretake and hand off. Like a stream that has flowed long before us and will continue long after us. A stream that we get to swim in, so that we, like those who came before us, can be immersed in language of truth and promise and grace. Something about the liturgy was simultaneously destabilizing and centering; my individualism subverted by being joined to other people through God to find who I was.*

While liturgy is indeed this beautiful and holy gift, it has one downfall. It can become rote. We can say the words, pray the prayers, and sing the music out of habit without reflection on the holy work that we are engaged in. This is why different settings of liturgy with different music or different words to the prayers. It still follows in the same pattern but gives us fresh ways interpreting and understanding what we are doing.

Another way we can reflect on what we are doing in liturgy is to stop and think about what we are saying and doing. Luther, in both his Large and Small Catechisms, breaks down the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer so that we can wrestle with what each section or petition means. This helps us to enter more deeply and reflectively into these aspects of the liturgy.

### THANK YOU . . .

Calvary Lutheran Church of Swede Home,

Thank you!! Your generosity helped make our post prom successful!!

High Plains Post Prom 2018

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Calvary Lutheran Church of Swede Home,

The Cross County Post Prom Committee and students would like to thank you for your generous donation to our post prom activities. We could not have done it without your support!!

Thank you,  
Cross County Post Prom Committee and Students 2018

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A thank you to everyone at Calvary church and the prayer support group for their prayers. When I started this cancer journey I was afraid; but I knew I either had to hold onto fear or hold on to God. God has helped me through this journey and showed me through friends and family how prayer can be so powerful.

Love, Deborah Ernst.

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Hello again, you wonderful people. June told me you had delivered more food pantry goods. Thank you so very much. We are so blessed to have you as friends of Blue Valley Food Pantry. My personal thanks to you!  
Sincerely,  
Lola Reetz

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In his work, Prayers for a Privileged People, theologian Walter Brueggemann does something similar with part of the confession—focusing on the prayer: “Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” In the rest of this article and the one that will come in August, we will examine through Brueggemann what we are praying and confessing in the words of that prayer. My hope is that this will help us to better embrace this part of the service and know that we are loved and forgiven by God just as we are.

Here is the first section:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open...

*Our hearts are open.*

*They are not always open by our choice, for we would like sometimes to close our hearts and our minds and our hands.*

*But they are open, because our hearts cannot resist your care.*

*Our hearts are open for you, God. You are the one who has made us so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.*

*Do your mysterious, majestic work within our hearts: reclaim, renew, re-enliven, that we may leave your presence transplanted, transformed, transposed and become by your attentiveness open and receptive, honest and undefensive, unafraid and committed to obedience.*

*Unto you... not unto each other, not unto our pet projects, not unto our favorite things.*

*Unto you... our hearts are open; we are yours; be our God—yet again.*

Stay tuned for more reflecting in prayer on this part of the confession and forgiveness. The August newsletter will have much more!

Peace,  
Pastor Kim

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

Summer has finally arrived, and it's time to start planning the Swede Home Ice Cream Social. Thanks to our amazing co-chairs, Kay & Bonnie, they have met with the committee chairs and you will be receiving calls and information to sign up for donations and working at the social, to be held **July 15 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** Sign up sheets will be available for you at June Circle meetings. Thanks to everyone in advance for all you do to make the annual Ice Cream Social a success!

\*Thanks to Venida & Bill Carlstrom for their work organizing coffees after church all year, and to circle members doing summer coffees after church.

\*Thanks to daytime circles for furnishing 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 Mary Anna circle and July by Diana Johnson.

\*Flowers this summer by Ruth. Thank you for watering the plants, too.

\*Quilting fun and fellowship will be on June 28 and July 26. Please join us.

\*Bingo at MCH will be on Tuesday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m. Thank you Miriam circle for your help with this!

Grace & Peace to you,

Cheryl

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## MISSION AND MINISTRY UPDATE

### 'Indeed, God is great'

Frank's story, like so many stories of vulnerable children in Rwanda, begins in tragedy. Frank's father died when Frank was only 2 years old, and Frank's mother, Angelique, struggled to provide for him. As he got older, supporting the family and caring for Angelique, who is HIV positive, fell on the young boys shoulders. Angelique knew Frank was intelligent and hard-working, but she also knew that keeping food on the table was already a challenge. Finding the extra money for his school fees was out of the question. Fears for his health and future—especially if she succumbed to her own illness and left him an orphan—kept her awake at night in tears.

Frank and Angelique are active members of the Lutheran Church in Rwanda (LCR), a young church on an exciting mission, with 6,000 members in 20 parishes, including Kibungo, where Fran and Angelique live. LCR was founded in 2004, after the genocide that left thousands of children orphans. Today, nearly 1 million children are considered "vulnerable," living in poverty and often without parents to other caregivers. With knowledge of this deep need and faith in God's care for all people, LCR began an ambitious "Integrated Child Support and Welfare" project focused on accompanying children like Frank and their families. This project is supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

Frank's good grades qualified him for a scholarship through the project. With this crucial support, Frank was able to start his secondary education, and in 2017, he began his second year. Angelique's tears of fears were turned into tears of hope and joy when she heard the news. "I hadn't thought that my son (could) continue his education," she says. "Indeed, God is great."

Then educational support project provided 136 children with money for school fees and supplies in the first half of 2017, and Angelique knows what a difference that makes. "I thank you so much because by supporting orphans you are supporting future leaders and breadwinners," she says.

Church leaders in Rwanda know that helping children attend school is a long—range solution to a present problem. Recognizing the need to help families in poverty find the means to meet their needs, the project also includes training support in agriculture for parents and caregivers to address the deep poverty that keeps many children from going to school. Through the project, more than 100 families received goats, pigs and chickens, as well as training in animal husbandry, to increase their capacity to provide food and income. Through vegetable gardening and livestock raising, families in communities across Rwanda will be able to meet their needs today and tomorrow. By providing a stable income, families will have the resources they need to provide for food, health care and education, reducing the vulnerability of all members.

Frank's journey begins with the tragic loss of his father. But because of his hard work and the support of the Lutheran Church in Rwanda through ELCA World Hunger, it doesn't end there. Today, he and his neighbors can tell a different story—a story of education and agriculture, of livelihoods and resilience that will point the way to a hopeful future.



## 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 June, your donations will go to Blue Valley and in July, your donations will go to Genesis House.

Most recipients of Blue Valley Food Bank are families of 4 headed with working parents with little extra time. Canned meats are especially needed, Boxed Dinners, Canned Fruits, and Vegetables, and Breakfast Cereal are always needed as well. Dessert mixes are a special treat. All items we donate are greatly appreciated by the recipients as they meet their critical needs.

Most recipients of Genesis House are women and children in need. They are in need of Household items: Laundry detergent, tall kitchen sized trash bags, TP, Clorox, gallon sized zip lock bags, light bulbs, AA batteries, postage stamps. Personal Care: Body wash, Kleenex, children's toothpaste, deodorant, children and adult ibuprofen and Tylenol, sunscreen lotion.

Food and Grocery Items needed are canned meats, regular coffee, boxed food, taco shells and seasonings, flour, sugar, mayo, salad dressing, pancake mix and syrup, cooking oil, dry packages of gravy and sauce mixes, canned fruit and juices, canned mixed vegetables carrots, (they have plenty of beans, peas, and corn at this time), small boxes of Velveeta, cake and brownie mix, frosting, tea bags, Kool-Aid/lemonade. Healthy Foods/Snacks for Children: microwave meals/entrees, instant oatmeal, granola/cereal bars, pudding/fruit cups, fruit juice in small boxes, (at this time we have plenty of regular boxes of cereal), dry and evaporated milk.

Money to purchase fresh foods occasionally bread, milk, and fruit.

Funds support general operating expenses, utilities.

Seasonal items: window size or small fans, solar lights, large swimming towels for children.

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Mission Master's Classic

Living Water Rescue Mission is holding their 8th Annual Master's Classic Golf Tournament. This is a 4 person scramble shotgun start on June 22, 2018 at 11:00am at York Country Club with a meal provided by Chance's R. This is a Memorial given in Loving Memory of Alan Richard Pogue. The fee is \$75 per player or \$300 per team for 18 hole division. Entry includes green fees, cart, team prizes, flag prizes, door prizes, Rescue Mission golf hat and lunch on the course. Awards ceremony will follow play, including hors d'oeuvres and testimonies of changed lives at the Mission. Everyone is welcome to participate.

## Confirmation

Please join us on Sunday, July 22nd for the confirmation of Kolton Neujahr. Kolton worked hard in confirmation during the past two years and will make public affirmation of his faith in worship that morning. Hope you can join us to celebrate this milestone in his faith life.



## Out of the Office

Pastor Kim will be out of the office June 8-15 for vacation and continuing education. She will also be gone July 8-13 for the high school mission trip. If you are need of pastoral assistance during these times, please contact Pr. Brenda Pfiefly at Salem in Stromsburg.

## School Supplies Needed

During June we will be collecting school supplies for Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Three high school youth and Pastor will be traveling to Wanblee, SD in July where they will partner with Youthworks and Crazy Horse School to serve those in need. The school has expressed a need for any and all types of school supplies. Please place your donations in the entry way. If you are unable to donate supplies but would still like to help out, a special offering will also be taken in worship two Sundays in June so that Pastor can purchase additional supplies.

## Mark your Calendars....

Calvary's Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, July 15th 6:30pm-9:30pm on the church lawn. We will be serving homemade ice cream, toppings, & assortment of bars/cookies. Come join us for some food, fun, and LOTS of fellowship! Free will donation.



## Congratulations

Calvary celebrated Colby Nelson's baptism and confirmation on Sunday, May 20th. Congratulations Colby and God's Blessings.



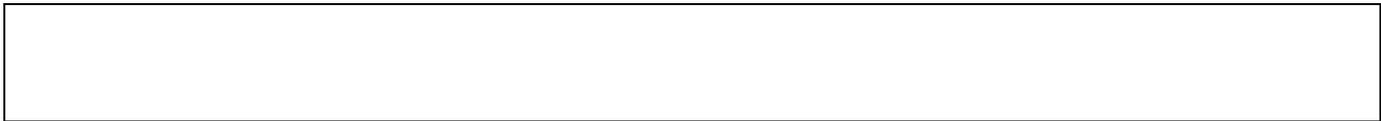
Colby with Cheryl Jones his Mentor



Colby with Pastor Kim

## Mark your calendars...

There will be a joint service with Calvary and Zion on Sunday, July 1st at 9:30am at Buckley park. The pavilion back by the ball fields.



## ZION WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### JUNE:

Communion Assistant: Todd Schoch

Usher: Darrell Bolton

Greeter: JoAnne Bolton

Reader:

3—Ken Kush, 10—Dawna Bolton, 17—Todd Schoch, 24—Gregg Bolton

Acolyte:

3—Lyndsey Bolton, 10—Tierney Schoch, 17—Harley Martin, 24—Isaac Reetz

### July:

Communion Assistant: Jacob Kush

Usher: Fred Ehlers

Greeter: Gina Schoch

Reader:

1—Jacob Kush, 8—Gina Schoch, 15—Bri Schoch, 22—Gregg Bolton, 30—Joint (Methodist)

Acolyte:

1—Lyndsey Bolton, 8—Isaac Reetz, 15—Tierney Schoch, 22—Harley Martin, 30—Joint (Methodist)

## CALVARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### June

Assistant Ministers—

Scripture Reader—Venida Carlstrom

Ushers— Bill & Venida Carlstrom

Acolyte—Colby Nelson

Altar Care— Mary Anna Circle

Bell Ringer— Scott Walgren

### July

Assistant Ministers—

Scripture Reader—Lynn Hofman

Ushers— Wayne Johnson/Todd Hanquist

Acolyte—Peyton & Riley Hofman

Altar Care— Diana Johnson

Bell Ringer— Todd Hanquist

## Thank you...

Thank you to Todd and Gina Schoch and Rick and Kathi Jones for serving as this year's synod assembly representatives.

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Calvary Lutheran Church of Swede Home,

Thank you for your donation to the Shelby-Rising City Post Prom! Thanks to your generosity we had a safe & exciting Hollywood Night!

Shelby- Rising City Students

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### WELCA Continued,

### JUNE

<i>Hostess/Dessert</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
MIRIAM – 6/8	Marlene
RUTH – 6/13 Carole Dickson	Carole
MARY ANNA-6/14 Alice Jane O.	Alice Jane

### JULY

<i>Hostess/Dessert</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
RUTH – 7/11 Deb Hanquist	Deb H.
MARY ANNA-7/12 Gladys J.	Gladys
MIRIAM – 7/13 Diana Johnson	Gloria O.

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Happy  
*Father's*  
 Day

## MEET A MEMBER

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Diana Johnson, Organist  
Brianna Schoch, Secretary  
LeAnn Willhoft, Custodian

**Council Members:**

Linda Fuhr, Doug Jones, Bill Carlstrom, Todd Hanquist, Lynn Hofmann, Nick Nicholson, Chris Smith  
All Calvary members, Ministers

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Pastor

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Council President Cal Bittinger  
Yvonne Stauber, Organist  
Chris Jarosz, Sunday School

**Council Members:**

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

### Meet Ken Kush...

I have lived in the York area since 1986, I grew up in David City, attended both St. Mary's Catholic grade school and graduated from Aquinas High School in 1975. For as long as I can remember I have loved sports. I didn't play much in high school since an injury to my dad left him unable to work, so I held full time job as a dock manager at Henningsen Foods in David City. Being able to earn my own money took some of the hardships off the family until my dad was able to return to work.

I went to work right out of high school at the Schuyler Packing Plant and was married the first time in 1976.

That marriage ended in 1991 and I met my current wife Dawn (Stearns) while working at Epworth Village in York. I have two daughters from my first marriage whose names are Megan and Alexa.

Dawn and I were married on October 2, 1992 and we have one daughter Cory who lives in Aurora and Jacob who still lives at home. It was prior to my wedding to Dawn that I became a member at Zion Lutheran Church in Benedict.

I have four grandchildren from my two daughters. One of my daughters, Megan Driewer lives in the Hampton area and Alexa lives in Fairmont. My grandsons are Kale, Talan and Cayce and my granddaughter is Addison.

In 1989 I started working for the York News-Times as a stringer covering games for them mostly on the weekends.

I started working at Epworth Village in 1984 and ended my time there in November of 2012.

At Epworth Village I was a Unit Manager in charge of 10-12 youth ranging from 7-18 years old. I was also in charge of 12-13 employees. The youth at Epworth were a challenge both behaviorally and mentally.

In 2004 our son Jacob was hit by a truck and for three weeks had to recover at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

I know for a fact that during that time prayer was the biggest reason Jacob survived the ordeal and now he has a son of his own named Braxton. It was a true test of faith and both Dawn and myself and family endured a very trying time.

In 2006 I assumed a fulltime position as the Sports Editor at the York News-Times as well as my fulltime job at Epworth Village. For the next six years I averaged 80-85 hours per week holding down two jobs.

In 2012 my wife Dawn met me at a York football game and said that I needed to choose one or the other. I think she was seeing the long hours starting to get to me and she was the one that convinced me to make a change.

Because Epworth was a very demanding job physically that I had been doing for 28 years, it was time to devote fulltime to the Sports Editor job.

Since 2006 there was only a short time that I was not the sports editor.

I took over fulltime sports editor on Nov. 29 2012. Next year will mark 30-years that I have been employed at the News-Times. I enjoy covering athletic events, talking to the coaches and the athletes. I also love the photography part of the job and the chance to capture those once in a lifetime moments.

I guess if you ask Dawn I can't retire until she can so I won't be leaving the York News-Times anytime soon, unless they kick me out.

I love to golf and just recently we have done some traveling that I really enjoyed.

And if you read my column's at the YNT you should also know that I play video games to relieve stress and I am a bigfoot fanatic!

happy  
**Fourth**  
of July!

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Dorothy Ehlers  
Melissa Forsberg  
Denny Johnson  
Lenore Kessler  
June Larson  
Elvin Reetz  
Imo Richardson

Harvey Schlegelmilch  
Vance & Elaine Toline  
Jan Wells-Bachman

- Genesis House and Living Waters Rescue Mission, Blue Valley Action
- Houses for Health recipients.
- Table Grace Café & Denver Metro Ministries
- Bishop Brian Maas and the Nebraska Synod staff
- Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and all ELCA congregations and members
- Pastor Bob Bryan and the Nebraska Synod Prison Ministry
- Our ELCA Partner Synod—Pacifica Synod
- Our companion synods in Tanzania and Argentina

To request prayers call

Calvary: Jan Ernst 402-747-8041

Zion: LuAnn Bolton 402-710-8708

## ANNIVERSARIES

### CALVARY:

Amy & Drew Harris  
June 2nd  
Yancy & Kim Krol  
June 3rd  
Dennis and Betty Hinkle  
June 6th  
Roxanne & Jeremy Czarnick  
June 10th  
Tim & Missy Althouse  
June 16th  
Chris & Heidi Smith  
July 3rd  
Bob & Bonnie Dittmer  
July 6th  
Josh & Kailie McCarville  
July 12th  
Lewellen & Carolyn Nielsen  
July 23rd  
Ty & Erica Twarling  
July 25th  
Rod & Kay Jones  
July 27th

### ZION:

Gregg & LuAnn Bolton  
June 21st  
Chris & Miranda Martin  
July 3rd

## BIRTHDAYS

### CALVARY:

#### June:

03—Gloria Oquist  
05—Marj Johnson/Sandy Johnston  
06—Lenore Kessler  
10—Talia Jones  
11—Dennis Carlson/Becky Willhoft  
16—June Larson  
19—Jonathan Hanquist/Aaron Oquist/  
Erik Oquist  
21—Wendy Shafenberg/Trent Stevens  
22—Vince Krol  
23—Craig Brouillette  
26—Linda Clauff  
28—Deborah Ernst/Abigail Jones  
29—Gary Waller  
30—Mike Neujahr

#### July:

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

### ZION:

#### June:

07—Jordyn Stearns  
15—Lyndsey Bolton  
19—Jeff Crowdell  
22—Gregg Bolton  
23—Gary Hild  
25—Colby Bolton  
27—Isaac Reetz  
29—Ryder Crowdell

#### July

02—Kristopher Rediger  
04—Zander Martin  
07—Dawna Bolton  
12—Jimmy Stearns  
14—Krayton Schoch  
31—Adam Rediger



# June 2018

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3 8:30a Zion Holy Communion Worship 10:30a Calvary Holy Communion Worship	4	5	6 7p Calvary Council Meeting	7	8 9am Miriam's WELCA Circle	9
10 8:30a Zion Worship 10:30a Calvary Worship	11	12	13 7p Men's Bible Study 7p Ruth's WELCA Circle	14 2p Mary Anna's WELCA Circle	15	16
17 8:30a Zion Holy Communion Worship 10:30a Calvary Holy Communion Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:30a Zion Worship 10:30a Calvary Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30

# July 2018

Sun

Mon

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<p>1</p> <p>9:30a Calvary &amp; Zion Joint Service @ Buckley Park</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7p Calvary Council</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30a Zion Worship 10:30a Calvary Holy Communion Worship High School Missing Trip</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7p Men's Bible Study 7p Ruth's WELCA Circle</p>	<p>12</p> <p>2p Mary Anna's WELCA Circle</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9a Miriam's WELCA Circle</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30a Zion Holy Communion Worship 10:30a Calvary Holy Communion Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30a Zion Worship 10:30a Calvary Worship/Confirmation for Kolton Neujahr</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9a Quilt Day</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:15a Zion Joint Service @ UMC 10:30a Calvary Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

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

### Council Notes for May 2018 meeting

- Pastor has been asked to serve on the synod's Rural Ministry network. This network will benefit rural ministry and her talents and experience will be a valuable asset. Pastor is resigning her position on the Synod's stewardship table
- Plans continue for the Mission trip, now set to go to Pine Ridge reservation in Wanblee, SD. One of their requests is for school supplies, and council approved a free will offering basket be provided two Sundays in June to benefit this project
- A special service will be held on Sunday May 6th to mark the end of Sunday School this year. A gift of appreciation will be presented to Tina for her 13 years of leading the program
- Thanks to Carole Dickson the planters in front of the church are filled with bright greenery! Hopefully the deer that roam the range will stay away from the temptation to graze!
- Chris contacted a company from Hastings and they met with Pastor and Doug regarding the replacement of the sound system at church. Memorial committee has designated funds for this project
- Erickson Hardware will be contacted to replace the window air conditioner in the Sunday School office
- A church photo book has been put together with photos by Erin Dickey. Cheryl Jones has offered to purchase one and make it available for members of the congregation to order. More details on this project will follow
- Parents of Sunday School age students will be invited to the meeting on May 30th to discuss ideas for the classes next fall

### Treasurer's Report

April, 2018

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$265.12
<b><u>Offering:</u></b>	
General Offering	6820.84
Sunday School	89.01
ELCA Disaster Relief	5.00
ELCA Mission Share	2598.00
Zion for March Share	1937.36
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### Transfers:

From Improvement/SAV (Windows)	7740.00
From SAV to meet Monthly Budget	1800.00

### Expenses:

Vanco eCheck Monthly Fee	8.79
Lent Materials	16.41
Weebly Custom Domain-Annual Web Fee	19.95
Palm Leaves	27.00
Newsletter Material	29.00
Appreciation Gift Cards for Tina	47.00
Postage Expenses	50.00
Office Supplies—Ink Cartridge	51.19
Sikes Pest Control	125.00
Synod Assembly Delegates	450.00
Cemetery Association	500.00
Backpack Program (Lent Offering)	1243.00
Kruse Stained Glass	7740.00
NE Synod ELCA-Mission Share	2000.00
Zion Benedict April Share	1889.44

### Utilities:

Church:	717.36
Parsonage:	116.63

### Salaries:

Pastor	2230.96
Mileage	154.24
SECA	221.84
Portico Benefits	1046.82
Continuing Ed; Princeton Seminary	435.18
Synod Assembly & First Call Theology	203.00
Diana	445.41
LeeAnn	236.64
Bri	409.29
FICA	633.32
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Balance as of April 30th, 2018	<hr/> \$207.86
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Transfer to Improvement:	1100.00
Transfer to Youth SAV	1100.61

## **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  
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**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NEBRASKA SYNOD, ELCA**

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