



MARCH 2020

...IN SACRED PLACES...

CELEBRATING MINISTRY OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

...THANK YOU

During the church year, we celebrate many “highs and lows” in the life of Jesus. Lent is a more somber time of the year primarily used for the preparation of baptismal candidates in the Early Church. The “Alleluia” has been put away until Easter and the hymns speak of the suffering of Jesus and the need for forgiveness for our sins. Today the Church uses this time to take a more focused look during the week at the scriptures and share a meal.



This year we will gather for a meal and share an informal worship service. The focus will be on Holy Week using the movie, “Jesus of Nazareth.” I will show a short clip of the movie during the sermon time and there will be discussion questions about what we saw. My prayer is that this experience will give us a deeper understanding of what Jesus experienced leading up to his crucifixion. I encourage you to spend time with your brothers and sisters in Christ and grow a deeper relationship with God.

Sister Anne Hall

Dear good people of Swede Home
Thank you for your very generous donation to Polk County, Blue Valley!
We so appreciate your support and generosity.
Again, thanks and blessings on your day!
Elizabeth King,
Blue Valley Director

Dear Calvary Lutheran Church Swede Home,
Thank you for your gift of \$400.00. The Lord is so good to us. He provides our every need and we praise and thank Him for His provision.

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ the *new creation* has come:
The old has gone, the *new is here!* 2 Corinthians 5:17**
Chaplain Nathan Joslin
Columbus & Living Water Rescue Mission

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 not 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. We also have opportunities to volunteer to help fill backpacks and transport them each week. Please consider joining us in these vital and rewarding activities.

Jason Rosenkrants, Treasurer

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Announcements



Quilt Day—Thursday, March 26

After church on February 16, Sunday School students served filled and beautifully decorated cupcakes they made. Students created 4 varieties: Chocolate Mint, S'mores, Unicorn, and Cookie Dough. This was an application of having expectations, patience, and learning service from the lesson about Simeon and Anna meeting baby Jesus, Mary & Joseph at the Temple. We have AWESOME Sunday School students!

Pictured below with the delicious cupcakes are: Rylee Hofmann, Jarrett Althouse and Payton Hofmann.

Thanks to Cheryl Jones, teacher for this great project



W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

March always brings a “flurry” of activity! Remember the **Spring Gathering at Salem in Stromsburg on Saturday, March 7.** Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 9:00. Theme of the day is “Creation & Praise”. They are collecting laundry or paper products for Genesis House at the event. Hope you can join us there!

***Lenten information** will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. But a quick reminder here about who’s serving the meals: **March 4** – Council; **3/11** – Ruth Circle; **3/18** – Miriam Circle; **3/25** – Men’s Bible Study; **4/1**– Ruth Circle. Please join us on this Lenten journey, whether you attend at mid-day (**11:45 with Osceola churches**) or evening (**6:00 p.m. supper & 7:00 p.m. worship at Swede Home**).

I’ve personally enjoyed participating in the Lenten meals, fellowship, and short worship on Wednesday nights in Lent, and always learn something new and/or feel inspired by the message. Hope you can enjoy some of the Wednesdays, too.

***Altar care** for **March** will be Deb Cramer & Kay Jones. **April** will be Deb Hanquist.

***Flowers in March & April** will be Miriam Circle. Thank you for watering any plants.

***Quilt Day** will be March 26. Join us!

***Service** for March is an offering for Genesis House (monetary or tangible).

March

	<i>Hostess</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
Ruth – 3/11	Lent Supper & short meeting	
Mary Anna- 3/12	Gladys Johnson	Gladys
Miriam – 3/13	Jean Waller	Jean

“Remember there’s no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.”

~ Scott Adams

God’s Blessings to You,

Cheryl

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 March donations will go to Genesis House in David City. **Pat is looking for clean pint canning jars and rings as they plan to have a garden again this summer.**

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

Excerpts from a letter from Bishop Maas:

We have begun our Lenten journey to the moving drama of Holy Week and the powerful promise of the Resurrection. Most of you will again gather regularly for midweek worship services to renew your own faith in deepening commitment to prayer, self-discipline and generosity—the practices of Lent.

I invite and encourage you to remember the rich resource for personal and congregational prayer life that we have in ***Seeking the Spirit Within***. Unique in the ELCA, the institute continues to contribute to the vitality of our congregations and the entire synod.

I also ask that you consider ***Seeking the Spirit Within*** as a recipient of weekly or other special Lenten offerings this year. Through careful stewardship, the institute operates with great efficiency and minimal cost, but is able to serve as broadly as it does only through the generous gifts of individuals and congregations. Your offerings for Seeking the Spirit Within will help ensure that deepening pray in the lives of its members remains a priority in our synod.

Brian D Maas, Bishop

On Wednesday, March 25, 2020 the Polk County Health Department is hosting a “Cancer Survivor’s Luncheon” at the Polk County Fairgrounds Pavilion in Osceola. The theme is “**Board Games: Sorry!** Cancer, we are knocking you off the board.”

This luncheon is free to all cancer survivors and one guest. If you would like to attend, please call the Polk County Health Department at 402-747-2111 to make a reservation.



“Come to the Table” John 21:12

Ladies: you are invited to a **FREE Brunch** to hear about what God is doing through the Healing Heart Disciple program. Guests Services and Jail Ministries at Living Water Rescue Mission.

The theme is “**Come to the Table**” with special speaker, Barb Hoff of “set Free Ministry” in Hall County.

There will be great fellowship, Good Food, Door Prizes, and Testimonies.

Please call the Mission at **402-362-0127** for your **Free Reservation** and bring your friends.

Come to 806 N Beaver Ave, York NE on April 25th at 9:30 am.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting this year’s brunch.

John 21:12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast” Now one of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.

Lenten Schedule



Dates to keep in mind:

It is the hope that Calvary-Swede home members will continue to join in this option of worship services during Lent. Your presence is valued.

Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. with worship to follow

	Host	Preacher
Wed 2/26	Methodist	Pastor Dan Cloeter
Wed 3/4	Catholic	Pastor Teri Lucas
Wed 3/11	Lutheran	Father Au
Wed 3/18	Catholic	Pastor Dan Cloeter
Wed 3/25	Lutheran	Pastor Teri Lucas
Wed 4/1	Methodist	Father Au

Attention Confirmation Students:

Confirmation schedule for March and April, through Lent will be held jointly with the Salem Lutheran Class at 5:30 pm at Stromsburg

Lenten Schedule



Lenten Services

at Swede Home and First-Rising City

Ash Wednesday, February 26 7:00 pm will be held at First Lutheran—Rising City **840 Butler Street**

Weekly Wednesday Lenten Services at Swede Home, Meal at 6 pm, Service at 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday April 9—7 pm at Rising City

Good Friday April 10—7 pm at Swede Home

Saturday Vigil April 11—7 pm at Swede Home

Easter Sunday, April 12—10:30 am at Swede Home

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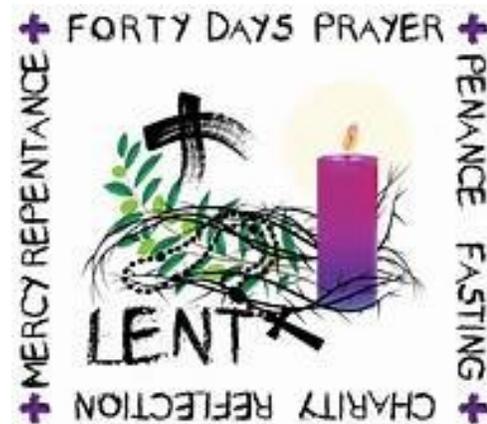
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MORE CARDS OF THANKS

Dear Partners in Ministry:

Greetings in the name of Christ! During the month of January, we at Lakota Lutheran Center took some time to reflect on the many partners who made our work possible through the year, and to thank the Lord for you. Your congregation is among those faithful supporters. Your support has given us encouragement as we look ahead to another year of serving our Lord as a ministry of the Nebraska Synod in the Nebraska Panhandle.

On behalf of Lakota Lutheran Center and Chapel, I express our gratitude for your generous financial gift to our ministry. Your gift of \$200 in 2019 has gone far to advance our mission with the American Indian community of Scottsbluff, who in turn, strive to serve the needs of the wider community in ways that we can.

Let me note as well, donations like yours go entirely to program and relief services, not to the administrative costs of our organization. We are always on a shoestring budget, but it is remarkable what we can accomplish with what we have. Thank you for recognizing the efforts of the Indian community with your gift.

We know too, that you are a prayer partner with our community, and we thank you for your prayers and pledge to pray for you as well.

Again, thank you for your partnership in mission for our Lord.

In Christ,
Pr Will
Voss

You were made to shine

MATT 5:16



Dear Friends at Swede home:

Thanks to Wayne, Linda and Don for the **“Special Delivery”** of food, grocery items and gifts to Genesis House. You seem to choose some of the very best, and useful items we receive—a very good variety of food—good to get those cans of pork—and the sugar free drinks—food that children can easily prepare—everything you gave us will be distributed to families who struggle.

Always enjoy the chance to visit when you come. Your support through the years has helped us to keep going. We are so thankful for you!

Sincerely,
Pat Lostroh and
Nicole Gasper
Genesis House

IN EVERY
THING GIVE
THANKS; FOR
THIS IS GOD'S
WILL FOR YOU
IN CHRIST
JESUS.

Meet a Member— APRIL NEUJAHN

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

Sister Anne Hall, contact number 308-249-3810

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 her cell-phone 402-366-2091, text is preferred or leave a voice message



April Neujahr grew up in Shelby with her parents, Kellan and Deanna Perry, and siblings Kristopher, Shawn, Dustin and Khara. She graduated from Shelby High School and then received her Associates Degree in Business-Marketing from Southeast Community College. She has worked at Central Confinement in Columbus, Union Bank in Lincoln, and Pinnacle Bank in Lincoln and Osceola. The last 3 years she has been working for her sister-in-law's physical therapy clinics based out of Colorado as her Billing Manager. She has 4 clinics around the Denver area, and this allows April to work from home.

April met her husband, Mike, in the summer of '98. Theirs was a memorable proposal at the Snoqualmie Falls in Washington State, and they were married in 2003 on their 5th dating anniversary. April and Mike have two sons, Kolton (9th grade) and Kelby (7th grade), both at Osceola schools.

They love to go camping, and enjoy their 5th wheel camper, having campfires, and of course, making S'mores! The Neujahrs enjoy traveling as a family, and have gone all directions, including Colorado, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, and Florida to name a few!

April is passionate about watching their sons participate in activities in school, 4-H, and sporting events. She's also a Big Fan of the Huskers, Broncos, Royals & Lakers.

She really enjoys the part of the service where everyone shares the "Peace", and likes the look and feel of the church. There's so much history here. She always feels when she drives into the Swede Home community there is a story to be told about this place, and there's sure to be plenty!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Melissa Forsberg
Janice Forsberg
Denny Johnson
Linda Johnson
June Larson

Members of Zion as they transition to a new church family.

Vance & Elaine Toline
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
- Zion Lutheran Church—Shelton, church destroyed in fire 12/11/19

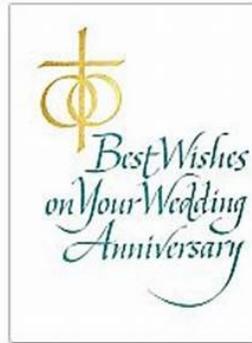
To request prayers call
Calvary: Jan Ernst 402-747-8041


For I am the
LORD
your God,
Who holds your
right hand, and says
Don't be
I will help you.

ISAIAH 41:13

ANNIVERSARIES

CALVARY:



MARCH

- 3 Fred & Jill Bush
8 Don and Linda Fuhr
23 Ron and Carole
Dickson



BIRTHDAYS

CALVARY:

Mar

- 01 Carey Clauff
04 Steve Fredrickson
04 Janet Nielsen
05 Fawn Ienn
07 Mike Cramer
07 Megan Johnson
07 Carol Paul Jones
08 Jeremiah Hinkle
10 Marlene Hanquist
14 Rod Jones
17 Colby Nelson
17 Dan Oquist
17 Chris Smith
21 Braden Kobus
24 Monty Jones
26 Gladys Johnson
26 Kay Jones
27 Jan Ernst
28 Bonnie Carlson
29 Mark Jones
30 Ed Willhoft
31 Sarah Johnson



CALVARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

March

- Assistant Minister – Sandy Johnston
Scripture Reader – Linda Fuhr
Ushers – Layne and Deb Hanquist
Altar/Communion – Deb Cramer & Kay Jones
Acolyte – Kolton Neujahr
Bell Ringer – Layne Hanquist

March 2020

9:15

Mon

Tue

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Sat

<p>9:15 Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 worship with Communion</p>	2	3	<p>4 Confirmation 5:30 pm Lent meal 6pm Service 7 pm</p>	5	6	<p>7 WELCA spring gathering at Salem Stromsburg 9AM</p>
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Know God, Love God, Share God's Love

COUNCIL NOTES

February 2, 2019

- Council met February 2 after church for the regular meeting. Present: Kent, Sandy, Kay, Lynn, Fran, Sister Anne Hall, Dan O, Dan I absent: Todd
- Sister Anne Hall began the meeting by reading from Growing Together.
- Discussion was held about Congregational meeting meal January 26 from JW catering in York. Council served 45 meals with remaining food distributed in take-out containers for members and taken to Mission in Columbus.
- Confirmation guidelines/requirements for present confirmands were discussed for upcoming confirmation in the spring.
- Corrected EOY statement was present to be accepted for annual report.
- Property committee report presented. Kent and Dan Oquist will be working together for upkeep repairs.
- Lenten schedule was discussed. Calvary will host Wednesday supper/service during March and April 1. Supper is at 6 pm with service at 7 pm. Maundy Thursday service will be held in Rising City at 7 pm. Good Friday service will be held at Calvary at 7 pm. Easter Vigil will be held at Calvary at 7 pm. Easter service at Calvary is at 10:30 am.
- Discussion was held about Lenten offering. Sister Ann Hall will talk to Rising City council about their thoughts for Lenten offerings.
- Copies of the constitution were given to council members.
- Treasurer's report by Kay was approved.
- Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.



Treasurer's Report January 2020

Beginning Balance	\$16,421.23
Offerings:	
General Offering	6,425.00
The Lutheran Magazine	280.00
Sunday School	104.00
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services	5.00
ELCA Mission Share	250.00
First R.C. - Dec2019 Salary Share	1,182.29
Total Offerings:	\$8,246.29
Expenses:	
Vanco eCheck Monthly Fee	9.24
Night Lights	9.99
Ashes	12.43
To Go Containers	22.99
Office Supplies	29.97
Cody's Computer Contract	34.99
USPO Columbus, NE - stamps for Treasurer	55.00
Eakes Office Ripple Cups	66.96
Extra Mile Awards	100.00
Office Net - printer ink cartridges	103.98
Annual Dumpster Fee Church/Parsonage	114.00
Office Net - copier usage Contract	176.70
Emergency Funds	300.00
JW's Catering Annual Meeting Dinner	716.50
ELCA Mission Share	1,560.00
First Rising City (January Share)	1,475.44
Utilities:	
Church	1,478.02
Parsonage	362.49
Salaries:	
Pastor	1,388.78
Mileage	219.02
FICA & Other WH Taxes - 2019 4th Quarter	778.40
Portico Benefits	328.58
Professional Expense	25.33
Diana	448.54
LeeAnn	236.64
Linda	763.67
FICA	732.50
Total Expenses	\$11,550.16
Balance as of January 31, 2020:	\$13,117.36
Designated \$\$ Transferred to SAV Accts:	
Improvement	\$200.00

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