

150 YEARS-1873-2023

CELEBRATING MINISTRY OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Pastor Evan's message on the Lenten Journey can be found on page 9 and 10 of the newsletter.

Our mid-week Lenten offerings will be designated to "A Place at the Table" our local back pack program

Osceola Noon Lenten Luncheons

11:45 meal- devotional service follows

Feb 22	St Vincent	Father Au
Mar 1	St Paul	Pastor Evan
Mar 8	Methodist	Pastor Hillary
Mar 15	Swede Home	Pastor Raleigh
Mar 22	St Vincent	TBA
Mar 29	St Paul	Pastor Soonil





March 1—6 pm Council serving sandwiches Holden Prayer Service at 7 pm

March 8—6 pm Ruth Circle serving Sloppy Joes Holden Prayer Service at 7 pm

March 15—11:45 am Swede Home Hosts the Osceola Community noon Lenten Luncheons Miriam Circle serving assortment of soups

March 15—6 pm Youth Serving Pizza Holden Prayer Service at 7 pm

March 22—6 pm Ruth Circle serving Baked Potato Bar with toppings Holden Prayer Service at 7 pm

March 29—6 pm Men's Bible Study serving Taco Bar Holden Prayer Service at 7 pm

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Announcements

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



Please place items you wish to donate in the basket March donations go to: Genesis House—David City

GENESIS HOUSE WISHLIST

This month our food pantry items will be delivered to Genesis House. Sherri Nielsen, the Director, has listed several items they are in need of. Please consider this list when you are shopping:

- Sandwich size zip bags

- Quart size zip bags
- Garbage bags (25 count is fine)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Cookie mixes

SOUP-ER BOWL

The churches in our Cluster challenged their congregations to collect "Soup" for Soup-er Bowl Sunday.

Swede Home collected 153 assorted cans and packages of soup. We split the collection between our two Food Pantry groups, Blue Valley Community Action and Genesis House David City.

March 25 We will have a spring clean up day on Saturday afternoon, we will focus on the church and parsonage grounds and also areas of the church building.

April 23—4 pm Spring Highway pickup event—watch for further details

W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

March always brings a "flurry" of activity!

*Spring Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 at St. John Lutheran Shell Creek of rural Columbus. Pastor Hillary will lead our bible study. Cost is \$20 each and includes lunch. Tangible offerings that will be collected include: size 6 disposable diapers, juice boxes, 8 oz. Styrofoam cups, or gift cards to Columbus area stores such as Hy-Vee, Super Saver or Walmart. Registration forms are at church and are due by March 1 to the NSWO Treasurer, Gwen Edwards in Bellevue.

<u>*Lenten information</u> will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. 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).

<u>*Altar care</u> for <u>March</u> will be Deb Cramer & Kay Jones. <u>April</u> will be Deb Hanquist.

<u>*Flowers and Cheer in March</u> will be Ruth Circle. April, May and June will be Miriam Circle. Thank you for watering any plants.

<u>*Service</u> for March is an offering for Blue Valley Community Action (for Energy and Food Assistance)

<u>*Saved to Serve event</u> will be May 5-7 at Camp Carol Joy Holling. Service activities include helping the Camp Staff prepare for summer and do early preparations for annual Quilt Auction. Registration forms at church, cost is only \$39.00.

March Circles

Bible Study

Ruth -3/8 – Penny @ Swede Home (cleaning day)

Hostess

Miriam – 3/9 Jean Waller

Jean

"Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be."

God's Blessings to You,

Cheryl

Thank You

Dear Calvary Lutheran Church,

We are so humbled for your most generous gift to the "Taste & See" mobile Eatery. Please know we will spend your dollars wisely and efficiently to provide nutritious meals shared in love to those in need and with prayers offered that they see and come to know Jesus. Thank you so much for partnering with us in this work. We hope to bless your communities as future opportunities arise. God Bless you! Dave and Michelle Purcell

The Polk Fire Department and also the Polk Ambulance service thank you for your recent donations to our volunteer services. We will use the money to make our services better.

We really appreciate it. Denny Carlstrom

Many THANKS for the generous donation you sent us. We always have the coffee pot on at the Stromsburg Senior Center, so stop in and have a cup of coffee and there is always something sweet to go with the coffee and visit with our Senior Friends.

Thanks again for remembering our Stromsburg Senior Center.

Lee Braasch, Secretary

Thank you so much for your donation!

We received your generous donation so wanted to send a little thank you to make sure you know how much we appreciate you thinking of us.

Kersey Peterson-BVCA Polk County

Recípes

Once again, Ben Carlson provides us with a recipe, and we are grateful for his suggestions! Ben found this cake recipe in a 1932 magazine ad for Royal Baking Powder. He says it was easy to make and very delicious.

THREE EGG ANGEL CAKE

Mix well and sift together 4 times: 1 cup sugar, $1 \frac{1}{3}$ cups flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cream of tartar, 3 tsp. baking powder and 1/3 tsp salt

Add: 2/3 cup scalded milk very slowly. While still warm, beating continually, add 1 tsp. almond extract or 1 tsp. vanilla extract. Mix well and fold in 3 egg whites which have been beaten until light.

Pour mixture into ungreased angel cake tin.

Bake 350 degrees about 45 minutes. Remove from oven. Invert pan and allow to stand until cold, then add icing.

ICING: Add ¹/₂ tsp. melted butter to 2 Tbsp. hot milk and gradually add 1 ¹/₂ cups confectioner's sugar (powdered sugar); add ¹/₂ tsp. vanilla extract and spread.



Thank You—It's more than a meal, it's a smile, a kind word, a daily interaction with others!! Thank you for loving your neighbors and donating to Polk County Senior Services!

Bless you

Erin Dickey, Program Manager POLK COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES

Growing in Faith

Thank You



The youth group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6:30 pm All youth are invited to attend—we do a variety of games, Bible Study, and fellowship. Please come and see what we are about!

WELCA SPRING GATHERING

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Dear Women of Calvary Lutheran — Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Thank you so much for your Thankoffering! Thank you for your commitment to the Women of the ELCA through your generous gifts. As an Executive Board member of the WELCA, we as a Board take serious your gift and will use it to the best way possible to continue to provide/develop new resources and to help/encourage WELCA and beyond. God's Blessings on your ministry at Calvary

Jean Pishaw, WELCA

Once again it is time to thank our friends from Swede Home, who served us with emergency food supply in case of inclement weather over the holidays. Your friendship is a treasure. May God continue to care for us through these beloved servants.

Allen and Roselyn Miller

Calvary Lutheran of Swede Home

Just wanted to say thank you for your \$225 donation to help those struggling to pay their bills. We applied your donation to two customers!

Your Polk County Rural Public Power

Dear Friends of Calvary Lutheran Church

Thank you for your generous gift of \$ 1,000.00 to Mission Heart in 2022. Your donation will help to spread the Gospel around the world. Through this we are able to make connections that may have eternal consequences. You are a vital part of this ministry!

Rachel Grosch, Treasurer

Thank You

Dear Calvary Church-

Thank you for your gift of \$ 1,031.50 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and across the globe. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Amanda White, Director, Congregational Generosity

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$ 1,031.50. We are fortunate to have you share in our mission to demonstrate God's love and to serve our neighbors in need. We cannot do what we do without your help. Together we will positively impact lives to make the world a better place in 2023 and in the future! Chris Tonniges, President and CEO Lutheran Family services

Dear Calvary Lutheran Church of Swede Home

Thank you for your gift of \$300 for our building Mission East project. The Lord is so good to us. He provides our every need, and we praise and thank him for his provision.

Praise the Lord

Nathan Joslin, Chaplin Columbus and Living Water Rescue Mission

Larry Joslin-Living Water Mission

Thank you for your generosity through your investment in the Capital Campaign for Midwest Covenant Home.

Erin Dickey, Foundation Coordinator MWCH

Q 150

Plans for Swede Home's Q150 are in the works. Pastor Hillary, Pastor Evan, Kent and Linda are heading up the overall committee—if anyone would like to join this group, you are MORE than WELCOME!

Our first event will be a concert by the Nebraska Brass on Sunday afternoon, April 16 at 3 pm. We will also host a reception following the concert with Dana Westring as our featured artist.

The Ice Cream Social on the 3rd Sunday in July will be the next celebration—

The Anniversary worship celebration will be Sunday, August 13—Bishop Scott Johnson will lead the service and former pastors, interim pastors, PA's will be invited to attend. A meal will be served.

We will have 2 recitals featuring the pipe organ and stained glass windows—more information to follow

God's work, our Hands—150 years of actively "Knowing God, Loving God and Sharing God's Love" all has been done by the grace of God. Thanks be to God.

Thank you

The Osceola Fire Department would like to thank you for your contribution. Throughout the years, we have made major upgrades to our firefighting and rescue capabilities thanks to donations like yours. The department is made up of dedicated members that not only answer fire calls, but are there for car accidents, storm watches, standbys on community events and just about anything else that requires manpower in the community. Last year, the department spent about 3,100 hours serving our community and the surrounding areas.

Thanks again

Marcus Augustin, Treasurer

Meet à Member - Tom Stevens



Tom is the son of Horace (Spike) and LaVerne Stevens. He has a sister JoAnn who lives in Arizona. Tom was born in the Stromsburg Hospital and grew up on a farm Northeast of Polk.

He rode in lots of horse shows throughout Nebraska and won multiple trophies. He also played football, basketball and participated in track during his school days and graduated from Polk High School. He then went on to graduate from Kearney State College with a major in Industrial Arts and a minor in Business Administration.

After graduation from college, he returned home to help his dad on the farm. Then he worked for Kansas Nebraska Gas Co. as a service man for a few years before starting to farm on his own.

In 1972 he met his wife, Mary Ernst, when she came to Polk to teach. This coming November they will celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Tom and Mary have a daughter, Courtney, who is a PTA and head of Rehabilitation Therapy at Brookstone Acres in Columbus. She and her husband Rob, have a son Rhylan (12) and twin daughters Tylee and Taryn (8).

Their son, Trent and his wife Heather, live on the family farm North of Polk. Trent graduated from school with a Building Construction degree. Trent farms with Tom, or should we say Tom farms with Trent!

He still goes to the farm regularly and does most of the planting and runs the combine. All of his grandchildren love to ride in the combine with him. Well, it might have something to do with the refrigerator under the seat that he keeps full of snacks.

In 2015, Tom and Mary moved to Mariposa Lake south of Central City where he and his kids and grandkids like to fish and cruise in his boat.

Tom has ushered, served on Church Council and may other committees. He has always enjoyed the Church and the people from Swede Home, where he has been a member all his life.

Every Member of the Congregation—Ministers Randy Lott, Council Chairman Kent Adelson, Council Vice Chairman Sandy Johnston, Council Secretary Diana Johnson, Organist Linda Fuhr, Secretary LeeAnn Willhoft, Custodian

Council Members: Todd Hanquist, Lynn Hofmann, Dan Oquist, Kent Adelson, Sandra Johnston, Kris Udey, Randy Lott

Pastor Evan Cell Phone 402-689-5495 (text or call) Email: evan@pastorchristensen.com

Pastor Hillary Cell Phone 402-980-1102 (text or call) Email: hillary@pastorchristensen.com

IF you are texting or emailing a pastor, please include both pastors in the text or email

Please contact Linda Fuhr, Church Secretary at

calvryswedehomechurch@gmail.com or text or call 402-366-2091, If you have not done so, follow **Swede Home** on our Facebook page.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 16—Nebraska Brass 3pm—first Q150 celebration reception to follow with Dana Westring

July 16-Ice cream social -with special Q150 celebrations

August 13—Q150 worship service with bishop and special guests. A meal will follow the service

Plans are for 2 organ recitals with narrative on the stain glass windows during worship service. Dates to be announced.



We Reach to all our faith family in prayer and celebration

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Melissa Forsberg Janice Forsberg June Larson Alice Jane Oquist LeRoy Hoyer Beth Wienik Carol and Ron Dickson Cheryl Jones

Jan Wells-Bachman Yvonne Stauber Luna Stauber Carey Clauff Colby Nelson Steve Oquist Joe Fjell

- Genesis House and Living Waters Rescue Mission, Blue Valley Action
- 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
- 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)

Address update:

Brody and Taylor Ienn 825 E Palomar St Apt # 2001

Chula Vista, CA 91911

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

03 Fred & Jill Bush08 Don & Linda Fuhr23 Ron & Carole Dickson



Birthdays

MARCH

- 01 Carey Clauff
- 03 Maverick Selke
- 04 Steve Fredrickson
- 04 Janet Nielsen
- 05 Fawn lenn
- 07 Mike Cramer
- 07 Megan Johnson
- 07 Carol P Jones
- 08 Jeremiah Hinkle
- 14 Rod Jones
- 17 Colby Nelson
- 17 Dan Oquist
- 17 Chris Smith
- 21 Braden Kobus
- 24 Monty Jones
- 26 Gladys Johnson
- 26 Kay Jones
- 28 Bonnie Carlson
- 29 Mark Jones
- 30 Ed Willhoft
- 31 Sarah 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 Blessing

MARCH

Assistant Minister – Lynn Hofmann Scripture Reader – Carol Nicholson Ushers – Layne and Deb Hanquist Altar – Deb Cramer & Kay Jones Acolyte – Rylee and Peyton Hofmann Bell Ringer – Layne Hanquist

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11:45 Noon Lenten Service @ St. Paul	2	3	4
5	6	7	6pm meal 7 pm Worship 8	9	10	11
10:30 Worship with communion 6:30 Youth Group			9am Ruth Circle 11:45 Noon Lenten at Osceola Meth- odist 6pm Meal	9 am Miriam Circle		
12 10:30 Worship with communion	13	14 7pm Men's Bible Study at Wayne John- son	15 ^{pm worship} 11:45 Noon Lenten Service @ Swede Home 6pm meal 7 pm Worship	16	17	18
19 10:30 Worship with communion 6:30 Youth Group	20	21	22 11:45 Noon Lenten Service @St. Vincent 6pm meal 7 pm Worship	23	24	25 Spring Clean up Afternoon
26 10:30 Worship with communion	27	28	29 11:45 Noon Lenten Service @ St Paul 6pm meal 7 pm Worship	30	31	

Exploring the Lenten Journey



We've begun our Lenten journey. Many Christians talk a lot about Lent, but have we ever explored its origin, history, and meaning? I invite you to join in a way-too-brief exploration into Lent. Hopefully we learn something new or are reminded of this rich spiritual tradition!

What's in the Name?

The word most American Christians use has more to do with the natural season than any liturgical season. "Lent" derives from an old English word for spring. Christians in other lands who use other languages tend to employ a more liturgically focused term. In Latin, the season is *Quadragesima*, and modern Greeks call it $\Sigma \alpha \rho \alpha x o \tau \eta$ (*Sarakosti*). Both terms mean "fortieth." This tradition carries on in Spanish (*cuaresma*), French (*carême*), and even Swahili (*kwaresima*). Other Christians name the season after its practices. Czech, German, and Norwegian speakers call it a "fasting period" (*postní doba, Fastenzeit*, and *fasten*, respectively). Despite the many words used to describe the season, all Christians refer to more or less the same idea: the days leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection.

When did it start?

While Christians generally agree the season today reflects Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness (Mk 1.12–13; Mt 4.1–11; Lk 4.1–13), how this observance came about is not so settled. Tradition assumed the season of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer developed out of reverence for the Great Three Days—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter. This Holiest Week necessitated the utmost honor, and the days prior prepared a person to rightly observe the Passion. More recent scholarship has discovered the opposite, that Lent may have extended after the baptism of Jesus, a history more reflective of the Gospel narratives.

The historical record demonstrates a Lenten observation of some sort practiced through Christian communities as early as the first and second centuries. By the Council of Nicaea (325 AD), a more uniform pre-paschal (Easter) fast was adopted by Christendom. Sermons preserved from this period of Christianity demonstrate the connection with Jesus' baptism, death, and resurrection. The time between Epiphany and Easter then was ideal for preparing new believers for their own baptism. The catechumen would engage in rigorous preparation leading up to their own baptism at the Easter Vigil.

As Christianity spread as a dominant religion, fewer adults came to the faith unbaptized. Thus, the medieval church's observation of the time between Epiphany and Easter shifted from a season of preparation to a season of penance. Greater focus was placed on the sinfulness of a believer. Rather than Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, Lent focused more heavily on the Passion of Christ.

We today are more accustomed to a blend of the early church and the medieval church. In the last 200 years or so, the season of Lent has been reexamined. The baptismal tradition has been renewed, with many receiving the holy sacrament during the Easter celebration. Yet there remains a penitential bend. Many still give something desirable up during the season to join in Christ's suffering, even if in only a small way. We also witness a greater emphasis on the focus of prayer and almsgiving. Churches and ministerial communities hold midweek services during Lent, and the offering is often collected for public needs, rather than the congregation proper.

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So, What's the Point?

This might sound crass, but it remains a good question. Why do we, as Christians in this 2023rd year of our Lord, set aside forty days (not counting Sundays) from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday? On the one hand, we join a biblical and theological tradition of "keeping time." We know *Chronos* time, or clock time (think chronological), but we also get glimpses of *Kairos* time, or proper/opportune time. This is God's time, and the Resurrection is perhaps the greatest example of it as such. Easter becomes a central point of the church year, and each other Sunday is a sort of "mini-Easter." But as we prepare for our Sunday assemblies, we likewise prepare for the Easter celebration (which is not one day, or even a week, but a week's worth of weeks—seven Sundays!)

This relates to a second reason we observe the season of Lent: it is good and right to fast, give alms, and be in prayer. Really, these are things—good works—that we should be doing in response to the faith instilled in us by God through Christ in the first place. Here is where our English term for the season can be helpful. The *Kairos* season of resurrection corresponds with our *Chronos* season of Spring. With Spring comes new life and rebirth. We witness these little examples of resurrection all around us. May we join in the reminder of God bringing about life in the (need, life-giving practices we follow during this season.

Pastor Hillary and I look forward to journeying these (now slightly less than) forty days with you. You're invited to join us for a mid-week lunch worship in Osceola area (Wednesdays at 11:45a) or Butler County (Fridays at 12:05p); mid-week dinner and Holden Evening Prayer at Calvary Swede Home (6:00p); or explore examples of faith in Genoa as Augustana and Genoa Methodist share worship spaces on Wednesday evenings (7:00p). And, it's not too late to sign up for the Lenten daily devotions.

In conclusion, grace to you on this Lenten journey.

By God's mercy may we all gather at the Cross and Resurrection.

+Peace,

Pastor Evan

For further reading, see *Keeping Time: The Church's Years*. Pastors have two copies, and we can always get another! [Ramshaw, Gail and Mons Teig, *Using* Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Volume Three: *Keeping Time: The Church's Years* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2009).]



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COUNCIL NOTES

Church Council met on February 12th, following worship service. **Present:** Randy, Dan, Todd, Lynn, Kris, Missy, Jarrett, and Pastor Hillary **Absent**: Kent 150

- Council Officers: Chair Randy; Vice-Chair -Kent; Secretary - Missy
- Annual meeting meal on January 22, served 50 from JW's Catering. Installation service meal on February 5, served 55.
- Rise Broadband relocated receiver for church internet, speed is now 25-30.
- Discussed parsonage and bell tower/balcony main level repairs.
- Spring clean-up is set for March 25 for church/ parsonage grounds and church building. Please come as you are able. Commercial carpet cleaning will be done.
- Discussed future lawn care needs.
- Snow removal ushers responsible for Sunday morning removal; a call list of members available to help during the week will be established.
- Lenten offerings continue to do back-pack program in Polk County.
- Evening Lenten meal schedule: March 1 -Council; sandwiches, salads, chips, desserts.
 March 8 - Ruth Circle; sloppy joes March 15 -Noon, Osceola community Churches – Miriam Circle; soups
- March 15 Youth Group; pizza March 22 -Ruth Circle; potato bar with assorted toppings March 29 – Men's Bible Study; taco bar
- Pastors' vacation will be April 10-15.
- Q150 plans were approved. Committees and subcommittees are being established. Please consider volunteering. Newsletter will have detailed updates.
- Diana submitted her resignation as church organist effective December 21, 2023. Council accepted and appreciates her 48 years of service. A job description will be developed.

Treasurer's Report	
	January 2023
Beginning Balance	\$10,528.41
Offerings:	
General Offering	8,251.00
The Lutheran Magazine	100.00
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services	5.00
ELCA Mission Share	650.00
First English - Dec 2022 Salary Share	1,812.74
Augustana - Jan 2023 Salary Share	2,606.62
Total Offerings:	\$13,425.36
Expenses:	
Kitchen Supplies	5.57
Vanco eCheck Monthly Fee	9.69
Office Supplies	17.49
Cody's Computer Contract	39.99
Noyd Repair LLC; service to all 3 furnaces	125.00
Eakes Office Solutions; copier contract	133.60
Carl's Skrap Annual Dumpster Fee	168.00
Schlegelmilch Pumbing & Well Service LLC	529.77
JW's Catering	961.25
Lorray Smith Estate - Mission Giving:	
Center for Survivors, Columbus	1,000.00
Taste & See Mobile Eatery, Columbus	1,000.00
NE Synod ELCA Mission Share	1,580.00
First English - January Share	1,825.43
Augustana - January Share	2,606.62
Utilities:	,
Church	327.35
Parsonage	48.51
Genoa Parsonage	213.88
Salaries:	
Pastors Hillary & Evan Christensen	2,474.56
Portico Benefit Services	1,194.68
Commuting Reimbursement	158.33
SECA	217.68
Mileage Reimbursement	96.47
Cell Phone Reimbursement	38.00
Diana	476.24
LeeAnn	241.50
Linda	836.92
FICA Federal & NE Income Tax	667.82
Total Expenses: Balance as of January 31,	\$16,994.35
2023:	\$6,959.42
Designated \$\$ Transferred to Appropriate SAV Accounts:	
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Thrivent Choice Account; from Endowment

531.50

....IN SACRED PLACES....

NEBRASKA SYNOD, ELCA САLУАRY LUTHERAN СНИRСН

950 Road 129th

Stromsburg, NE 68666

Return Service Requested

5. Teaching and sharing God's Word with joy 6. Mutual respect in relationships

Guiding Principles:

1. Jesus is Lord and Savior 2. All are welcome in this place.



OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES Mission Statement: Know God, Love God,

Share God's Love

3. Serving in love with generosity and hospitality

4. Provide an atmosphere for spiritual growth and reflection.