

NOVEMBER 2021

## ...IN SACRED PLACES...

### CELEBRATING MINISTRY OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Greetings in the name of our  
Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!*

I'll admit it. I'm a control freak. I like things to be neat and ordered, a strict schedule is a must, and lists are my BFF (*best friend forever, of course*). The problem is...I live in a household of people who are not neat and ordered, prefer no schedule whenever possible, and couldn't care less about lists of any kind. For years I've been trying to train them in my ordered way of life...and for years, they've been rebelling.

Now, if you ask them, they'd probably tell you that for years, they've been the ones doing the training. Teaching me that sometimes it's okay to look away from the calendar (emphasis on the *sometimes*). And sometimes, it's okay to just 'be' rather than being tethered to a list. And quite possibly most importantly: there are things in life that you just cannot control.

Don't tell them, but I'm actually kind of glad they've been working so hard on this training regimen of theirs. I'll never admit to it out loud, but really, their way of life does help me more than they know in the world outside of our household. Because the truth is...there's so many things in this world that I have ZERO control over. Zero, zip, nada.

Thankfully for all of us, God doesn't expect us to be perfectly ordered *or* perfectly relaxed. What God does tell us is that God is with us—when things are perfectly lined up in neat, color-coded calendars and lists for each significant aspect of life—

and when things have gone a little hay-wire...when illnesses pop up, violence has broken out around the world, schedules are crisscrossing, and it seems like there's no way to order any of it.

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus tells us to rest. To sit. And to be still. Well, not exactly. What he really says is this: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Whether things are just the way we like them or completely out of control, these are the words that our Savior brings us; words of promise and words of protection in the midst of all this world throws our way. These are words for my control-burdened mind and my family's out of control chaos too. And as God often does, they are the just words I needed to hear right now. I hope you May you hear what your spirit longs for in these words of promise too.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Sarah*



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# Announcements

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



Items will be delivered after November 28

*Please place items you wish to donate in the basket November items go to*

***Genesis House—David City***

## GIVING TREE

Last year, many of you donated to help needy families served by ESU 7. Thank you! They were very thankful and moved by your generosity.

We are again taking up an offering for these families, and they have about 60-70 kids to buy for. We are the main givers for their Christmas. So please open our hearts and help as you are able. Donations should be given to Bonnie Carlson or Cheryl Jones by Dec. 5.

*(Checks payable to Calvary WELCA)*



There are ornaments on a giving tree at church with dollar amounts on them for the ESU 7, as well as items for children served by ESU 7. Please bring any donations to church and place in the specified box by December 5. *(Cash donations are welcome for Genesis*

*House, too. We'll try to get a Wishlist from them, too.)*

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

Thank you for all you do for not only your own families, but our Church Family and God's Children at Large! 'Tis the month we focus on Thanksgiving, so I challenge you to think of something every day this month you are thankful for. Even when we have a "bad day", there's always something to thank God for.

\*Executive meeting for WELCA to be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. at church. We will be discussing where offerings might go as well as plans for general meeting and 2022.

\*November Circle Meetings: Please sign up for 2022 lessons, hosts, altar care & committees and report to Kay Jones no later than November 15. Thank you!

\*Service for month of November is ESU 7 Giving Tree. Please take an ornament off the giving tree in the church entry and give your money to your Circle Leader, Bonnie Carlson or Cheryl Jones by December 5. This is for the whole congregation, not just WELCA.

\*Altar care for November will be Miriam Circle. December will be Cheryl & Kay Jones.

\*Flowers in November & December will be by Miriam circle. Thank you for watering any plants also.

\*No more quilt days this year. Looking forward to meeting together again in 2022.

### NOVEMBER

*Hostess/Dessert    Bible Study*

Ruth – 11/10    Cheryl @ church                      Cheryl

Miriam - 11/12    Jean Waller                                      Jean

### *Kindness*

*“Kind words are like honey – sweet to the soul and healthy to the body.” ~ Proverbs 16:24 (NLT)*

Cheryl

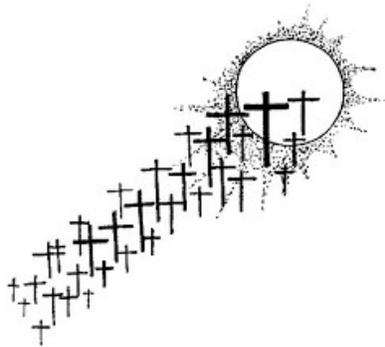
## RECIPES



Local schools will be holding Veteran's Day services on Thursday November 11.

Please check you local paper or school websites for time and location.

Thank a Veteran for their service



There's a yearly reminder of our connectedness as Christians to the church. It's called *All Saints' Day* and is the time in the Church's liturgical year where we remember the saints – all of the Christians who surround us and those who have already passed away and are in Heaven. The holiday began in the 4th century as a holy feast celebrated on November 1st. People would gather to honor Christians who had given their lives to serve the Church.

As *All Saints' Day* approaches, we pause to think about brothers and sisters in Christ who have influenced us and also who have gone before us. We are inspired by their faithfulness and obedience to God. We will be observing *All Saints' Day* on Sunday, November 7th

The recipe this month is from Sandy Johnston. She says The Wedding Beans got their name because they were good for wedding receptions since it served so many. Her daughter called them Sweet Chili because they are sweet instead of spicy.

### Wedding Beans/Baked Beans/Sweet Chili

*I always cook these in a large crock pot for all day or over night. This recipe claims to serve 12.*

Brown, drain and put in a crock pot:

1 pound hamburger, 1 pound bacon (cut up), 1 small chopped onion

Add and stir:

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup brown sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup white sugar

1 cup catsup

1 tablespoon vinegar

2 teaspoons dry mustard

Add:

2 cans pork & beans

1 can green lima beans

1 can kidney beans

1 can butter beans.

Stir, cover

These can be made in a crock pot for 3-4 hours or baked at 350 for 40 minutes or in the microwave for 10 minutes.



## Growing in Faith

### Confirmation Class

RITE OF CONFIRMATION –November 7th—  
10:30 am worship service, Eli Fjell, Shyenne Krol,  
Rylee Hofmann and Peyton Hofmann will affirm  
their baptism promise.

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Sunday School has a new look this year. We meet  
once a month on Sunday afternoon, this month it will  
be November 21st at 6 PM. All Middle and High  
School students are invited to meet for fun activities  
and faith talk.



## Affirmation of Baptism

# Confirmation

Keep the confirmation students in your prayers. These  
are their chosen bible verses for their affirmation of their  
baptism promise.

**Eli Fjell:**

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do  
not rely on your own insight. In all your ways  
acknowledge him, and he will make straight  
your paths.*

**Rylee Hofmann:**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

*Do not worry about anything, but in every-  
thing by prayer and supplication with thanks-  
giving let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses all un-  
derstanding, will guard your hearts and your  
minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Shyenne Krol:**

**Isaiah 41:10**

*Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be  
afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen  
you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my  
victorious right hand.*

**Peyton Hofmann:**

**Psalms 61:2b-3**

*Lead me to the rock that is higher than I; for  
you are my refuge, a strong tower against the  
enemy.*

# Thank you



Dear Friends:

Thank you for the gifts of food and groceries in July and September. Your attention to choosing the most needed items is so much appreciated. All the good "Kid Food" and food you collected helps our clients feed their families.

Cheryl: Your fresh and health garden goodies were a special treat! Your corn was the most beautiful I have seen.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so much!

Sincerely, Pat and Nicole



Thanks to Jill and Elaine Westring for taking home the 2 Peace Lilies from church and giving them some very tender loving care by repotting them.

They had begun to show their age in outgrowing the pots they were in!

*THANK YOU*... and ideas to share your talents

To all those how share their talents to make the worship service: Worship assistants, ushers, scripture readers, bell ringers, acolytes, Altar and Flower care! If you have never helped with these activities, we encourage you to give it a try! If a full month commitment seems like too much—try just a couple of Sundays, or sign up for the month—and if you need to have a Sunday off, there are plenty that will step in and help.

Another way to share is to sign up to serve the coffee fellowship after church. A pot of coffee and water is easy, (you can add a flavored drink, like lemonade) all supplies are there. You can serve purchased cookies or small baked treats (donut holes are a hit), mini candy bars, home baked treats are not necessary but you are welcome to make something if you would like. Even popcorn or trail mix is a good idea. Napkins, paper plates and tableware are furnished by the church. Check with Kay Jones if you have any questions.

We are always looking for recipes for the newsletter. Please share something your family likes, or maybe a family recipe from another generation, any story that can go along with the recipe would be appreciated, but not necessary. Contact Linda if you are willing to share.



*Meet a Member— GIA ADELSON*

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Every Member of the Congregation—Ministers  
 Kent Adelson, Co-Council President  
 Dan Oquist, Co-Council President  
 Diana Johnson, Organist  
 Linda Fuhr, Secretary  
 LeeAnn Willhoft, Custodian

**Council Members:**

Todd Hanquist, Lynn Hofmann, Dan Oquist, Kent Adelson,  
 Sandra Johnston, Dan Ienn, Fran Lott

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

**Text or call 402-833-8318**

**Email: [pastorsarahruch@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsarahruch@gmail.com)**

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

**Please contact Linda Fuhr, Church Secretary at [calvaryswedehomechurch@gmail.com](mailto:calvaryswedehomechurch@gmail.com) or text or call 402-366-2091,**



I grew up as a town kid in Lexington, NE with my parents and younger brother Jerry. My brother passed away in February of this year and I miss him very much.

Growing up I was involved in various sports, concert/marching band, and our church.

I went to Lexington Sr. High and then on to CCC in Hastings, NE. My first job out of college was at Principal Financial Group in Grand Island. I met Kent while I was living in Grand Island and the rest is history! When we were dating, I loved crossing the bridge on 92 over the Platte River, and feeling like I was entering an enchanted area and leaving my worries behind for a bit.

As a teen, I really thought I'd be a missionary or a pastor's wife (I grew up in the Baptist church and women were not allowed to be pastors, so being the wife of one would have been the next best thing), but that obviously didn't happen! God had other plans for me and blessed me with my wonderful family; my husband Kent and our sons Andrew and Jacob. We are a farm family and love country life.

I love to read, cook and bake, and occasionally do crafts and scrapbooking. I enjoy decorating our home inside and out, especially for fall and Christmas. Thanks to Kent introducing me to Husker sports, I now like to watch Husker volleyball, football, and basketball.

I am passionate about raising my family and helping others. I'm happy we'll have our family around us, as Andrew and Jacob have decided to come back and continue the family farm.

Swede Home has been such a welcoming church to me from the beginning, and I love and appreciate my church family. The first people I met at church were Roger and Marlene Hanquist, and they made me feel so comfortable right from the start.

I've enjoyed being a reader in church services and I like how everyone of all ages is encouraged to be a part of the church and worship service. Swede Home is blessed to have Gia and her family as members of our faith family.

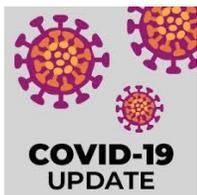
**We Reach to all our faith family in prayer and celebration**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**



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| Melissa Forsberg | Jan Wells-Bachman                                |
| Janice Forsberg  | Mabel Hinkle and Austin Hinkle                   |
| Denny Johnson    |  |
| June Larson      |  |
| Elaine Toline    | All who are shut in and need prayers and support |
- Genesis House and Living Waters Rescue Mission, Blue Valley Action, & Denver Metro Ministries
  - Houses for Health recipients.
  - Bishop Brian Maas and the Nebraska Synod staff
  - Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and all ELCA congregations and members
  - Brody Ienn in service to our country
  - Council as they continue the process of church profile and calling a minister
  - Our leaders as they face COVID19 decisions
  - Our companion synods in Tanzania and Argentina

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



Four Corners will be offering free COVID testing beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Testing will be at Four Corners on 2101 N. Lincoln Avenue in York. Offered on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 1 PM. Please park in the east parking lot. Testing will be done in your car. Those interested in the test are asked to register. The link to register can be found on the main page of the Four Corners website. The CDC recommends that anyone with any signs or symptoms get tested. It doesn't matter if you have been vaccinated or have had COVID-19.

For more information on COVID testing, call Four Corners at 877-337-3573 or email us at [in-fo@fourcorners.ne.gov](mailto:info@fourcorners.ne.gov) Visit our website at [www.fourcorners.ne.gov](http://www.fourcorners.ne.gov)

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**NOVEMBER**

- 02 Cheryl and Monty Jones
- 07 Kerri and Jesse Klein
- 07 Greg and Tracy Dittmer
- 10 Bryce and Janet Nielsen
- 15 Mark and Tammy Jones
- 19 Kent and Gia Adelson
- 23 Tom and Mary Stevens
- 25 Dave and Janelle Udey

**BIRTHDAYS**

**NOVEMBER**

- 02 Jill Bush
- 02 Kathi Jones
- 08 Erica Twarling
- 09 Kristen Bush
- 14 Amanda Kobus
- 14 Doug Jones
- 16 Dustin Noble
- 21 Todd Hanquist
- 21 Deb Seymour
- 22 Andie Oquist
- 22 Nathan Peterson
- 25 Wayne Johnson
- 29 Katleigh Spale



**THANK YOU**

*Thank you to all the members who continue with their financial support for Swede Home Church. In these trying times, we realize even more the words "to give as you are able" God's Blessings*



**NOVEMBER**

- Assistant Minister – Cheryl Jones
- Scripture Reader – Monty Jones
- Ushers – TBA
- Altar/Communion – Diana Johnson
- Acolyte – Eli Fjell
- Bell Ringer – TBA

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10am Bible Study  6:30 pm confirmation	4	5	6
7 10:30am Worship Service with Communion and Confirmation  ALL SAINTS DAY	8	9	10 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm confirmation 7pm men's bible study @ Wayne's 7 pm Ruth circle @ church	11	12 9am Miriam Circle @ Jean Waller	13 WELCA— Executive committee 10:00 AM at church
14 10:30 am Worship Service  Council meeting following worship	15	16	17 10 am Bible Study TBA  6:30 pm confirmation	18	19	20
21 10:30 am Worship service with communion  6 pm youth group	22	23	24 No Confirmation	25 	26	27
28 10:30 am Worship service	29	30 				

**Know God, Love God, Share God's Love**  
**Treasurer's Report**

## COUNCIL NOTES

Church council met October 10, 2021 following worship. Present was Dan O, Kent, Dan I, Fran, Lynn, Sandy, Todd, Pastor Sarah.

Crosses will be given to Eli Fjell, Peyton Hofmann, Rylee Hofmann and Shyenne Kroll at their Confirmation on November 7. Congratulations and Blessing to them.

The work toward completion of decorating in both the East and West entry areas and also outside the West elevator entrance continues.

Evangelism and Outreach Committee is proceeding with grant ideas for the Immanuel grants for church in the fall of 2022, and will work with Genesis House for an opportunity for an outreach grant in the spring of 2022.

Ten members participated in the highway pickup project – 2 used ATV vehicles to assist with the pickup

Property committee is still looking for downspout extenders to direct the rainwater away from the building. The carpet replacement and other repairs for the rain damage in the Sunday school building are delayed due to harvest. Council will research the best way to keep bats from entering the church before winter.

The council can approve a request for “emergency mission” discretionary funds if the Pastor is not available.

The church secretary is approved to sign checks if the treasurer is unavailable.

Worship and music committee request to purchasing twelve new hymnals “All Creation Sings” is approved.

Notice of Portico Benefit insurance for 2022 was received. Expect the coverage to remain the same with some price increase.

Council meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting is November 14, 2021, following church service.

	<b>September 2021</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$13,593.16</b>
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Offerings	7,031.00
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services	5.00
Sunday School Offerings	0.00
ELCA Mission Share	300.00
First Lutheran R.C. August Share	<u>2,083.93</u>
	<b>9,419.93</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Vanco eCheck Monthly Fee	10.36
Cody's Computer Maintenance Plan	34.99
Office Net; copier paper	39.91
Office Expense	50.00
Postage Expense	220.00
Bible Study materials & Baptism candles	247.97
Mowing & Trimming	323.00
Prison Ministry 'Freed for LIFE Dinner'	560.00
Church Mutual Bi-Annual Premiums	3,609.50
NE Synod, ELCA Mission Share	1,560.00
First Lutheran R.C. September Share	<u>2,095.83</u>
<b>Utilities:</b>	
Church	367.81
Parsonage	156.34
<b>Salaries:</b>	
Pastor Sarah Ruch	2,163.20
Portico Benefits	1,029.58
Commuting Allowance	366.91
SECA	215.14
Mileage	84.94
Cell Phone Allowance	32.50
Diana	476.24
LeeAnn	241.50
Linda	<u>409.39</u>
	<b>14,295.11</b>
<b>Balance as of September 30, 2021:</b>	<b><u>\$8,717.98</u></b>

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