

SEPTEMBER 2020

...IN SACRED PLACES...

CELEBRATING MINISTRY OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Message from Sister Anne



Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ. Philippians 4:4-7

It may be hard for you to let these verses sink in as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. We hoped that it would not last this long and it looks like it will be longer yet. It can help to focus on what you can do today. We have been told to wash our hands frequently, wear a mask, and stay away from crowds. Those three tasks could help stop the spread. As Christians, we have another job to do and that is prayer. It is hard to maintain a relationship with someone when you do not communicate. God our creator expects to hear from you about every aspect of your life. We are all part of the greater Church and the world that needs our prayers. There are needs in our congregation as well as our neighbors around the US who are dealing with fires and hurricanes. If you are unsure where to start, ask a friend if there is something in their life you could pray for.

We are part of the family of God that cares and loves one another. Spend sometime today with someone who made you and truly loves you beyond measure.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).

Friends,

Fueled by a heat wave and ignited by lightning strikes, some of the worst wildfires in California’s history have erupted across the state. At least four people have died, tens of thousands of people are under evacuation orders, over 1 million acres have burned, and more than 1,000 structures have been destroyed and thousands more are threatened. Some evacuees face the difficult decision of whether to stay in a shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, along with the three California synods (Sierra Pacific, Southwest California and Pacifica), to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. We expect immediate needs to include food and other life necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized. Long-term recovery assistance may include rebuilding and repairing homes.

[You can support wildfire survivors. Gifts to “U.S. Wildfires” will be used in full \(100%\) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete.](#)

Please join me in praying for those whose lives are being impacted by disasters at this time: wildfires, COVID-19, severe storms, hurricanes and more. Even as we face multiple crises, by working together, we can reflect Christ’s light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need.

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding

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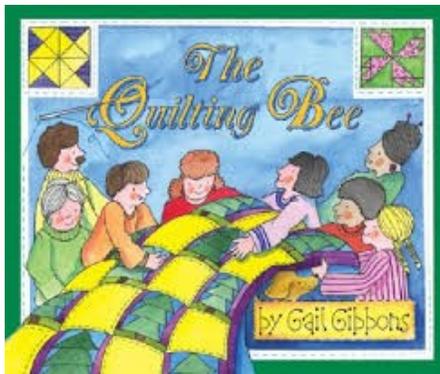
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Announcements

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



Please place items you wish to donate in the basket located in the front entry of the church. September Items go GENESIS HOUSE DAVID CITY



The September quilt date will be confirmed by Penny Udey, for now it is on the calendar for September 24

Some restrictions may apply . Please confirm with Penny before you attend.

W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

Thank you for your generosity donating for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits and fabric face masks. In September we will be sending 4 dozen personal care kits and 25+ fabric face masks and 25+ purchased fabric face masks. I am always so touched by the mission-minded members of Calvary.

*Service for month of September is an offering for Columbus Women’s Shelter

*Altar care for September will be Gloria Oquist. October will be Jean Waller.

*Flowers in September & October will be by Mary Anna circle. Thank you, Linda, for watering the plants in the basement.

*Quilting fun and fellowship will be on Thursday, September 24. Please join us.

*Cheer for months of Sept., Oct., Nov. & Dec. is Miriam Circle.

SEPTEMBER

Hostess/Dessert Bible Study

Ruth – 9/9 Deb Cramer Deb C.

Mary Anna- 9/10 *(None Listed)*

Miriam – 9/11 Diana Johnson Diana

*“In a world where you can be anything,
Be KIND.”*

God’s Blessings to you,
Cheryl

Reaching out to our community



Dear friends at Swedehome,
Thank you, Fran, for the “special delivery” – a beautiful collection of good food and special attention to the needs of our children – food they can easily prepare, school supplies, Kleenex, Gatorade – than you so much for such generous consideration of my requests.

So glad you got to meet Nicole – a young energetic and pretty girl with a big heart, she is learning about the work of Genesis House, with her background on education, your gifts to us – the regular and consistent support through the years has been a big part of what “keeps us going.”

Our garden is producing abundant and healthy vegetables, which we are sharing with clients, churches and community. Alto it is teaching young women how to preserve and can this good food.

I welcome your visits, will look forward to next time.

Sincerely,

Pat and Nicole and the folks at Genesis House

High Plains Post Prom 2020 sent a thank you, that even though they couldn't have a normal prom, students had a little gathering and each received a wonderful gift that they could enjoy thanks to ours and others generosity.

RECIPES

Ice Cream Social Recipe

Since we had the summer of 2020 pass without the annual ice cream social, many of us missed the delicious tradition and the fellowship. So we

decided we would share the “recipe” as a reminder of good times past, and good times still to come. Thank you Cheryl for providing the recipe that has been used over the years. .

This recipe used for Swede Home Ice Cream Social since about 1990. Changed to this recipe at that time to avoid the possibility of salmonella from raw eggs that was used in previous years.

Ice Cream Recipe (for 1 gallon)

- 1 quart (4 cups) of Heavy Whipping Cream (no substitutes)
- 2 ½ cups sugar
- 2 Tablespoons Vanilla (good quality – like Watkins)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 6 cups of Vitamin D Milk (*ie. - red label whole milk – not low fat milk*)

Mix all ingredients in mixer bowl. Pour into ice cream freezer and freeze according to directions.

(I usually use about 15 pounds of ice and approximately 3 to 4 cups of ice cream salt when making the ice cream. My freezer seems to work better when using the “Morton's brand Ice Cream Salt” instead of rock salt, and since it's smaller crystals and cleaner it isn't as hard for the machine to turn.)



CHURCH HISTORY

DOYANO (Do you Know)

Questions and answers from information of the 125 year anniversary celebration

What happened on August 12, 1873?

It was the date when your church was organized and the first minutes were recorded.

Who was the first Pastor of Swede Home and what was his salary?

Pastor L. P. Ahlquist, served from 1875-1879. His salary was \$300 a year, free house and fuel, and whatever wheat and corn could be gathered.

What is was the cost of our present sanctuary built in 1914?

The total cost was \$ 17,000.00 in 1998 the church was insured for \$ 581,000.00. Today, replacement value is \$2,354,000. With the stain glass value of \$ 77,100

When was the pipe organ installed?

The organ was purchased and installed in 1920 at the cost of \$ 4,250.00. in 1998 it was valued at \$132,000.00. Today's value of the pipe organ is \$ 325,000

When was the original metal ceiling replaced with the present cedar wood?

In 1978 it was decided to replace the old metal ceiling with the beautiful wood ceiling we now have. Edsel Carlson and his son did the work. It was also insulated at that time.

When was the name Calvary chosen as the official name for our congregation?

On the second ballot, at the 1948 annual meeting, the official name of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church of Swede Home was decided. Other names suggested were Gloria Dei, Trinity and Ebenezer

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Class



Confirmation classes will be a little different this year like everything else. Sr. Anne Hall will meet with students in person once a month beginning on September 16 at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall at Calvary. This year they will study the Old and New Testaments. Each month there will be a packet of assignments to be completed by the next in-person class.

This will include watching videos produced by Pastor David and Sister Anne that will add to the lessons. Sermon notes will be required and other projects to be announced later. Classes will be for one hour. This is an important journey for our young people as they study the acts of God in the scriptures. Please keep them in your prayers.

Be watching your mail, as a letter will be coming soon regarding details for this year's confirmands.

Confirmation for Ethan Fjell, Kylee Krol, and Kelby Neujahr will be Reformation Sunday, October 25

We are excited to have Sunday School Starting September 13th from 9:15-10:15 weekly. Our theme is:



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

MESSY

Teaching preteens lessons from the Bible where God redeems messy situations and why God loves them no matter how messy their lives become.

Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

- Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

We are respectfully asking all participants to wear masks during the Sunday School Hour. Cheryl and Tina are volunteering to teach again this year. Both have people they care for in their lives who are at high risk for serious medical issues in relation to COVID or any other viral infections.

ADULT FORUM will also begin on September 13. Bring your Lutheran magazine and join the conversation

God's Work, Our Hands

At the August 30th church service, Sister Anne blessed our ELCA/coaggregation project for Lutheran World Relief. Shown here are the kits and masks that were assembled by Monty and Chery Jones and Don and Linda Fuhr



Since COVID-19, Cheryl Jones has been providing supplies and mask patterns for our members to make masks for their own family and for many in the community. Lutheran World Relief sent an appeal for masks to be used in 3rd world countries, and Cheryl appealed to WELCA and church members to make more masks. A total of 25+ hand made masks and 25+ purchased fabric masks were made

Along with the request for masks, LWR asked for Personal Care Kits, that would be sent to countries in need. Each kit consists of 1 light weight bath towel, 3 bars of soap, a toothbrush, comb and nail clipper. Each kit cost approximately \$10. A free will basket was located in church for 3 Sundays and the generosity of members allowed us to order supplies for a total of 60 kits.

Not all heroes wear capes. Some make face masks.



It seems a long time ago, but Easter Sunday 2020 was one we will remember for a long time.

Our church was closed to "live" services due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Then on Easter Sunday, Polk County and the State of Nebraska got hit with a major spring storm that knocked out the power of almost the whole county for 13+ hours. Several times over the next couple of months, the temporary fixes didn't hold and the linemen would be called out to repair the power to the black out areas of the county.

The Evangelism and Out Reach committee wanted to show our appreciation to the 22

linemen and employees of the Polk County RPPD, by bringing homemade kolaches and juice to them. With the Covid 19 restrictions, we were



unable to bring food to their business until August 18 at their all staff in-service.

They were ever so appreciative to be remembered in such a positive way.

Next time you see a lineman, remember to thank them for their service

Meet a Member

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Sister Anne Hall, Interim Minister
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
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



Ryan Jones was born and raised in Osceola. He is the son of Rick & Kathi and has 1 sister, Brita, who now lives in Fort Collins, CO. Ryan lives on his grandparent's farm just a couple miles from Swede Home.

He graduated from Osceola schools then attended and graduated from Chadron State College in 2003, majoring in history. He considered teaching, but was promoted to manager at Wal-Mart and worked there for several years. When that ended, he returned to Osceola and worked construction for a few years before getting into maintenance, first at Annie Jeffrey Hospital, and currently at Osceola's Elementary School. This year Ryan signed up to be a substitute teacher if needed, as well.

He has also always been part of the family farming operation. Ryan really likes taking care of the family cattle herd, started by his grandpa, Ralph Jones, many years ago. He loves calving season. Watching the new calves run in the hills on a sunny day always made grandpa smile, and makes Ryan smile, too.

Ryan likes to spend time with his friends and has been on a bowling team for many years. He also participates in several fantasy football leagues. Ryan enjoys being outdoors golfing and hunting, and prefers being in the quiet of the country rather than being in crowds of people.

Ryan has always liked the sense of family at Swede Home (it helps being related to so many members). The traditions of singing Silent Night in the candle light and having Easter Sunrise Services are special to him. He has many hard to forget memories of VBS, like doing arts & crafts with Mary and Rhonda and playing tag in the church yard. Ryan now serves on the Cemetery Board and enjoys hosting the traditional Memorial Day Services. He doesn't think it's changed much in 50 years, which makes it so special.

We Reach to all our faith family in prayer and celebration

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Melissa Forsberg
Janice Forsberg
Denny Johnson
Linda Johnson
June Larson

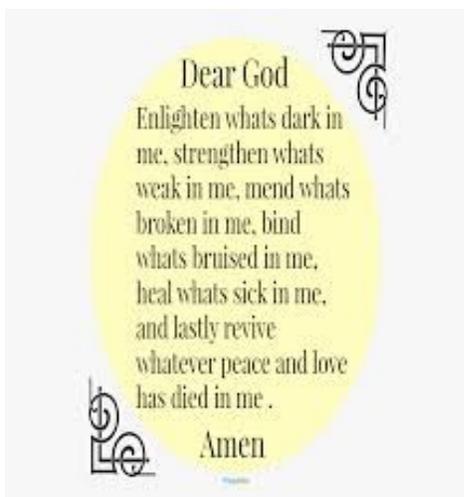
Elaine Toline
Jan Wells-Bachman

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 congrega-
tions and members
- Confirmands, Kelby Neujahr, Ethan Fjell,
Kylee Kohl on their Confirmation OCTOBER
25
- 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 Argen-
tina
- Students and educators as they return to classes

To request prayers call

Calvary: Jan Ernst 402-747-8041



ANNIVERSARIES

CALVARY:

9/8 Paul & Deborah
Ernst

9/12 Becky (Willhoft) &
Brandon Nielsen

9/18 Jessica & Dustin
Noble

9/22 Steve & Kris Udey

9/25 Jim & Bonnie
Carlson

9/25 Dennis & Marj
Johnson

9/26 Mickey & Krystal
Berggren



BIRTHDAYS

CALVARY:

Sep

01 Josh McCarville

03 Piyyer Berggren

04 Linda Johnson

07 Mabel Hinkle

07 Amanda Johnson

12 Kelsey Dittmer

13 Scott Walgren

15 Kerri Klein

17 Koleton Udey

19 Shelly Glatter

20 Jim Carlson

21 Jackie Walgren

22 Penny Udey

22 Clark Yungdahl

23 Loree Adelson

29 Ron Johnson

30 Kailie McCarville

30 Heidi Smith

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

SEPTEMBER

Assistant Minister – Jean Waller
Scripture Reader – Wayne Johnson
Ushers – Craig and Sarah Johnson
Altar/Communion – Gloria Oquist
Acolyte – Jady Johnson
Bell Ringer – TBA

We thank all those who agree to help with the worship service each month.

September 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 am Worship Service	7	8	9 Ruth Circle - Deb H NO Men's Bible Study	10 Mary Anna Circle	11 Miriam Circle— Diana	12
13 9:15 am Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship Service	14	15	16 5:30 pm Confirmation at church basement	17	18	19
20 9:15 am Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship Service with Communion	21	22	23	24 Quilt Day	25 Kush-Cooper Benedict Wedding re- hearsal 6pm	26 Kush-Cooper Benedict 4 pm wedding
27 9:15 am Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship Service	28	29	30			

Know God, Love God, Share God's Love

COUNCIL NOTES

Council Notes, August 9, 2020

- Council met August. Present: Sandy, Dan O, Dan I, Lynn, Fran, Todd, Pr, Megan
- Council discussed an update from the property committee regarding fixing some damaged down spouts, gutter cleaning, and needed dirt work on the back side of the church
- Synod Guidelines and Restrictions during Corona-virus pandemic were revisited.
- Council continued to discuss Calvary profile and the Call Process. Council will also continue to talk with First English in Rising City in the Call Process. Pr. Megan provided insight as to options for ministry as well as guidance with the church profile and information in the profile. Pr. Megan identified deadlines for calling a minister also
- The Council approved the Cory Kush/Colton Cooper wedding September 26.
- The 2020-21 confirmation class attendees were discussed. Confirmation class will begin again in the middle of September with Sister Anne Hall teaching the class.
- The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.



Treasurer's Report

	July 2020
	\$13,765.3
Beginning Balance	2
Offerings:	
General Offering	5,370.00
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services	5.00
ELCA Mission Share	250.00
First English Rising City; June Share	<u>982.48</u>
	6,607.48
Expenses:	
Vanco eCheck Monthly Fee	9.24
Safe Deposit Box	16.00
Cody's Computer Maintenance Plan	34.99
Office Net; copier paper	39.90
Harland Clarke Check Order	47.00
USPO; postage	112.00
First Lutheran R.C. July Share	1,614.47
NE Synod ELCA Mission Share	1,540.00
Utilities:	
Church	285.34
Parsonage	193.10
Salaries:	
Pastor	1,388.78
Mileage	178.31
Withholding Tax; 2nd Quarter-Pastoral	1,081.59
Professional Expense	16.16
Portico Benefits	424.45
Diana	448.54
LeeAnn	236.64
Linda	439.59
Withholding Tax; 2nd Quarter-Lay Persons	<u>656.33</u>
	8,762.43
	\$11,610.3
Balance as of July 31, 2020:	<u>7</u>

*This page is only seen by Calvary Members

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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**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEBRASKA SYNOD, ELCA**

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