

CALVARY UPDATE

December 2021

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

-Council meeting December
7th 5:00pm

Find us on 

Church Service Update:

*December 5th 10:30AM w/ Jeanne Rains
(Communion w/ Pr. Aage Carlsen)

*December 12th 10:30AM w/ Jeanne Rains

*Christmas Day December 25th 10:30AM (Communion) w/ Pr. Bruce Krogstad

Working on future service dates

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

To members of Calvary Lutheran Church,

This is to inform every one of the changes that are happening in our church.

The Northwest Synod office had made a suggestion last spring that six churches should join together to share one interim pastor. The churches involved in this consolidation would be our three-point parish consisting of Immanuel in Bejou, Our Saviors in McIntosh along with our church, Calvary in Winger. The other three-point parish consists of the following churches; Gary Lutheran, Ness Lutheran and Sundal Lutheran in the Gary, MN area. The plan was to not only have the interim pastor but also have Katie Demaris, a SAM, to do services and to be the administrator, hire a worship coordinator, keep the secretaries of the two individual parishes along with Anita, at Our Saviors in McIntosh. The interim pastor and the SAM would rotate doing services, we felt we may only have a church service once or twice a month. Calvary voted not go along with this plan as it would be too costly along with the basic upkeep of our church.

Pastor Gordon Syverson resigned from our three-point parish to become our pastor here at Calvary in Winger as of November 1, 2021. The second week in November, Pastor Syverson was diagnosed with COVID. As most of you know,

Pastor Syverson passed away November 25th. We are working on finding fill in pastors and/or lay persons until we can hire a pulpit supply pastor.

We have not had any tapings at our church for TV and YouTube. This is an area we are working on to find the equipment and/or decide if this is something we want to pursue. Information will be forthcoming as decisions are being made. If you watched our services before, it will now be the new five-point church with interim Pastor Keith Zeh or Katie Demaris who is serving the other churches and doing the services.



Please remember that even though we may not have church, your offerings are needed to help pay church expenses. Also, we would like you to keep our church in your prayers that we will receive the guidance needed to continue on with our services.

If you have any questions you can call me at 218-435-1001 or my cell 218-779-7007.

Elmyrna Kaupang
President of Calvary Church Council

COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES

October

The Calvary Council met on October 12 at 5:00 pm. Pastor Syverson gave devotions. The minutes from the September were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. Pastor Syverson gave his letter of intent to resign his position with the three-point Parish at the end of October. Dave Natwick made a motion to hire a lawyer to proceed with the creation of a Cemetery Association to handle to business of the Calvary cemetery. David Balstad seconded the motion and it passed. There was a long discussion on the transition to a single Parish. There was a motion by Bob Vesledahl to install internet access at Calvary Church. It was seconded by Pam Wang and passed.

The next Council meeting will be on November 9 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned. It closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sec. Shirley Sonsteli

November

The Calvary Council met on November 9 at 5:00 pm. Pastor Syverson opened with prayer. The Secretary's report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. Discussion was held about the taped services. There will be no services the last Sunday in November. Christmas Eve services will be announced later in the bulletin. Confirmation students will meet with the 5-Parish classes with compensation.

Dave Natwick made a motion to purchase a new copier for our office. It was seconded by Pam Wang and passed. There was a motion by Pam Wang and seconded by Dave Natwick to send gift certificates to those who have been taking care of the church yard. It passed. There will be a new E-mail account for the church: CalvaryWinger@qvtel.com Compensation for the office secretary has yet to be determined.

The next Council meeting will be on December 14 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sec. Shirley Sonsteli

Note New
Meeting Date
December 7th!!

COUNCIL CONTACTS

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Church Secretary:

Marissa McWilliam-Donner
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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men." -Luke 2:14

Prayer List:

The family of Pastor Gordon, Pastor Aage Carlsen, Dr. Gerald White, Marilyn Natwick, Bruce McWilliam, Vance Kaupang

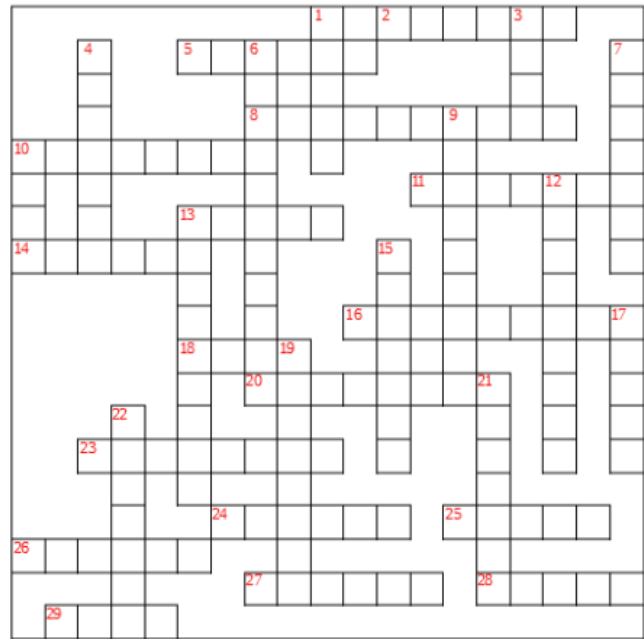
SECRETARY NOTES

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to be the church secretary. Please be patient during this transition period as I am getting used to figuring out how all of the different documents are made and I am working on new formats. I have also created the new email address which is listed on the first page as well as a new facebook page. It would be great if you would add Calvary to your friends list and/or like the separate church business page as I plan on putting any events or news on there. If you have anything else you would like to see here or in any of the church documents/social media, please feel free to reach out to me via the church email or calling/texting my cell.

Marissa 218-280-1731



Christmas



Across

- 2 Famous snowman
- 5 Traditional dairy drink
- 8 An opener or a famous ballet
- 10 Hung over the fireplace
- 11 Carrot-nosed figure
- 13 Christmas song
- 14 Circular decoration
- 16 Dance of the ____ Fairy
- 18 Tree topper
- 20 Christmas month
- 23 Tree decoration
- 24 Santa's ride
- 25 Santa's helpers
- 26 ____ Bells
- 27 Green Christmas thief
- 28 Plant with red berries
- 29 The First Christmas, "The First ____"

Down

- 1 ____ Pole
- 3 Green Christmas decoration
- 4 Mean or miserly person
- 6 Treat used to build miniature houses
- 7 How Santa gets in
- 9 Striped sweet
- 10 Frozen rain
- 12 Christmas "kissing" plant
- 13 Gift giving holiday
- 15 Little ____ Boy
- 17 ____ Christmas; A season's greeting
- 19 Rudolph and friends
- 21 Lead reindeer
- 22 Kris ____

Christ
is
Born