

# CALVARY UPDATE

March 2023

## CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Council Meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> after church
- Sunday School Potato Klub lunch March 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:30.

Find us on 

**Church Services 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday School 10:30 AM**



### Church Service Update:

**March 5<sup>th</sup>- Jenny Lien**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>- Nathan Johnson**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>- Jenny Lien**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>- Pr. Morton**

### FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

To members of Calvary Lutheran Church,

There is an old saying that Spring is just around the corner, but I think we have a few more corners to turn until Spring arrives.

The council is still communicating with the First Lutheran Church of Mahnomens to see if we can work something out with them. They currently have an interim, Pastor Ruth Hetland, that we would share for Sunday services, visitations, funerals, and weddings. Tentatively, they have mentioned a payment of \$2,000.00 a month. This would be more than what we are currently paying a month for the pulpit supply. Also, the time of our services would need to change to accommodate travel time from the First Lutheran church service to Calvary.

They do have a call committee working to see about hiring a full-time pastor. It was mentioned they would like to find someone not too far out of the seminary to keep the salary costs down. They do have a parsonage the pastor could live in. We are going to have another meeting with their council members to get a better idea of what they are really looking for in partnering with Calvary.

I know some people have liked having a variety of different Pastors and/or Laypeople every Sunday and others would like to have a Pastor every Sunday. If this works out, we hope to see more people in church every Sunday to help support the hiring of a pastor.

Call me with comments or suggestions at 218-435-1001 or 218-779-7007.

Please keep Marilyn Natwick and LeRoy Johnson in your prayers.

God's peace and blessings to all

Elmyrna Kaupang, President

**COUNCIL MEETING  
CHANGED TO  
MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> AFTER  
CHURCH**



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Calvary Council meeting was held on February 29<sup>th</sup> after church services. Members present were: Elmyrna Kaupang, LaVonne McWilliam, Marissa McWilliam-Donner, Steve Carlson, Bob Vesledahl, Byron Kaupang and David Natwick.

President Elmyrna called the meeting to order. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both read and approved. There was no Old Business. For New Business there was more discussion on the possibility of a partial joint use of Pastor Ruth from First Lutheran in Mahanomen. Elmyrna will try to set up another meeting with them so more final details can be discussed.

Byron will be working on getting a new wireless microphone and having our current looked at in Fargo. He is also working on getting Sight on Sound to look at our church system.

Bob talked about his meeting with a representative from Church Mutual Insurance. They will be doing an inspection on a yearly basis. He took pictures of our church and complimented us on how clean our church is, as well as the general condition both inside and outside. There was also talk of getting a first aid kit and defibrillator.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup> after church. (**\*NOTE DATE CHANGE TO MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> AFTER CHURCH**)

Marissa McWilliam-Donner, Secretary



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*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod  
and your staff—they comfort me.  
-Pslam 23: 4*

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**Just a reminder that offerings can be sent to LaVonne McWilliam at 23684 410<sup>th</sup> St SE Winger MN 56592, the church at PO Box 100, or you can set up a direct deposit from your bank using ACH or Bill Pay.**

## COUNCIL CONTACTS

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### Church Secretary:

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### Prayer List:

**Marilyn Natwick**

**Leroy Johnson**

**Homebound, nursing  
home & assisted  
living members**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

***Please note that the Sunday School has changed their time to be the same time as church at 10:30AM.***

Starting March 12<sup>th</sup> the Sunday School will have two classes (Ages 4-11 & 12-17.) A fun activity for each group is being planned for the end of March.

### **March 19<sup>th</sup>- NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

The Sunday School will serve a Potato Klub lunch. This is an opportunity for the Sunday School to give back to the congregation. Serving time is 11:30AM-1:30PM. Open to the public, free will offering. Funds will go to support the church.



## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH

### March 5<sup>th</sup> (Lent 2)

1<sup>st</sup>: Gen 12: 1-4a

Psalm: Ps 121

2<sup>nd</sup>: Rom 4: 1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3: 1-17

### March 12<sup>th</sup> (Lent 3)

1<sup>st</sup>: Exod 17: 1-7

Psalm: Ps 95

2<sup>nd</sup>: Rom 5: 1-11

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

### March 19<sup>th</sup> (Lent 4)

1<sup>st</sup>: 1 Sam 16: 1-13

Psalm: Ps 23

2<sup>nd</sup>: Eph 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

### March 26 (Lent 5)

1<sup>st</sup>: Ezek 37: 1-14

Psalm: Ps 130

2<sup>nd</sup>: Rom 8: 6-11

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

