

CALVARY UPDATE

February 2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS

-Council Meeting February
11th after church

Find us on 

Church Services 11:00 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM



February Church Services

February 4th- Jenny Lien

February 11th- Jenny Lien

February 18th- Jenny Lien

February 25th- Pr. Ruth



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

To members of Calvary Lutheran Church,

Looking back on 2023, I believe we had a good year, we had services almost every Sunday. We did decide to not have services on a few holiday weekends when people were either gone or had other plans.

Our pulpit supply consisted of Pastor Darrell Morton, Pastor Ruth Hetland, and laypersons. Pastor Morton was with us once or twice a month from January through April. Pastor Ruth Hetland, an interim pastor at First Lutheran Church in Mahanomen, started giving us services twice a month in May until October. Since then, she will conduct service once a month through the month of March, switching back to twice a month in April. Our lay ministers consist of Jenny Lien, Joyce White and Nathan Johnson.

In October, the Calvary Church Council voted to pay for an online class for Jenny Lien to become a Synod Authorized Minister (SAM). Once she completes the course work, an application can be made to our Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA to become an official non-rostered SAM.

We are very thankful for the pastors and lay ministers for being so willing to conduct our services. If we did not have them to conduct our services, we would not be able to continue. Also, a thank you to our scripture readers who say yes, they will read the scriptures for the service. The number of readers are getting to be a small group, and we do appreciate them being willing to read more often. Also, a thank you to our organists, Jenny Lien, Karen Carlsrud, Betty Tangen and Kay Carlsen for their services.

Thank you to the following: Gerri Balstad for keeping our church clean and all the other things she does to keep it looking nice,

Bob Vesledahl, our fix it man, Karl Donner for trimming the hedges and making the front of our church look nice, to those who shovel the snow and keep the walkway safe.

Also, a thank you to Devra Carlson, and her helper, Katie Hedlund, for having Sunday School for our young people. To Marissa McWilliam-Donner for all her work being the church secretary. Also, thank you to all of the council members, members of our church committees, and anyone else I may have missed, that has helped to keep our church going.

When I was growing up, Sunday was always church day. I know times have changed and our lives get busy, but it would be nice to see more people saving Sunday mornings for church. I would guess that most of us would like to see our church doors stay open, and have it available for important life events. LET'S TRY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN IN 2024!

I hope you will have a Blessed, Healthy, and Great 2024.

Elmyrna Kaupang, Calvary Church Council President.



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

-Proverbs 3: 5-6

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Calvary Council met on January 21st after church. Members present included Marissa, LaVonne, Elmyrna, Steve, Bob, Dave, and Byron. The meeting was called to order by President Elmyrna. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both read and approved.

There was no Old Business. Under New Business a discussion was held on the proposed ballot for the annual meeting. Elmyrna and Steve are switching places for the positions of President and Vice President. Joyce White has asked to step down as a Deacon. LaVonne asked Vance Kaupang if he would step in and finish out the remaining 2 years of her term and he agreed. Bob made a motion to accept Vance stepping in the finish out Joyce's term, it was seconded by Dave. There are still open positions for the Synod Assembly and Education. We will leave them open and if anyone is willing to volunteer for these positions at the annual meeting, we will add them to the ballot.

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Prayer List:

Marilyn Natwick

Jesse Hickman,

Carr Smeby,

Jane Olson

**The family of Leroy Johnson
Homebound, nursing home &
assisted living members**

LaVonne presented the proposed 2024 budget from the Stewardship committee. Insurance and Workman's Comp payments made in 2023, that had previously been discussed, were mentioned again. Byron made a motion to accept the budget, it was seconded by Dave.

Bob talked about the water pipe inlet as we received a letter from the city about a new policy for the material of the pipes. We have copper pipes, so it is a nonissue. He also mentioned the draining issue from the kitchen sinks, and he will look at them to see if he can fix it himself, or if we need to call a plumber to fix it. They may need to be replaced.

As there was no other New Business, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be February 11th after church.

Marissa McWilliam-Donner, Secretary



A NOTE FROM JENNY

Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sponsoring the lay school for ministry classes that I have had the opportunity to be a part of since October. The lay school for ministry is a part of Luther Seminary through a learning platform called Faith + Lead. Fortunately, these classes are completely online and can be done whenever they work into my schedule, so I'm able to take these classes at my own speed. Each month there is a different topic and about 2-4 hours of video lectures to watch as well as a monthly zoom class that we can participate in or watch the recording at a better time. So far, some of the topics have touched on the basics of sermon writing, how to understand the text, what the digital age means for our congregations, the benefits and drawbacks to online religious communities, rural ministry trends, how to preach at funerals, and small congregations that are experiencing growth. These classes have taught me how to better understand the Bible readings, which has been helpful in sermon writing. These classes have also opened my eyes to some trends in small and rural congregations. The zoom meetings have allowed me to hear from others who are active in similarly sized congregations throughout the United States. Again, thank you all for this opportunity to learn in this new and exciting way, and thank you for the opportunity to join with you in worship.

Jenny Lien

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

February 4th (Epiphany 5)

1st: Isaiah 40: 21-31

Psalm: Ps 147: 1-11, 20c

2nd: 1 Cor 9: 16-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

February 11th (Transfiguration of Our Lord)

1st: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

Psalm: Ps 50: 1-6

2nd: 2 Cor 4: 3-6

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9

February 14th (Ash Wednesday)

1st: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

Psalm: Ps 51: 1-17

2nd: 2 Cor 5: 20b-6:10

Gospel: Matt 6: 1-6, 16-21

February 18th (Lent 1)

1st: Gen 9: 8-17

Psalm: Ps 25: 1-10

2nd: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

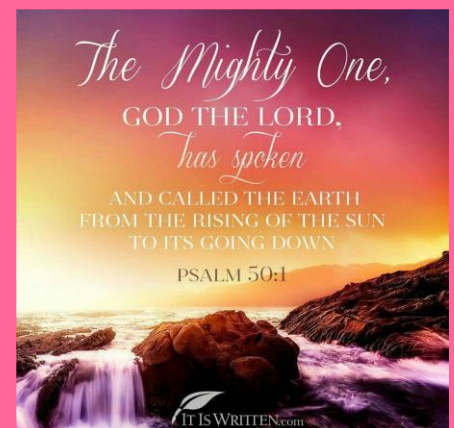
February 25th (Lent 2)

1st: Gen 17: 1-7, 15-16

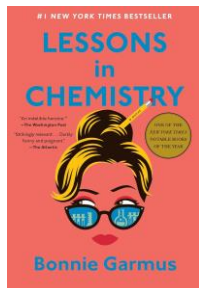
Psalm: Ps 22: 23-31

2nd: Rom 4: 13-25

Gospel: Mark 8: 31-38



Your Invited to join First Lutheran Church Book Club in Mahnomen.



Lessons in Chemistry (2022) is the story of Elizabeth Zott, a brilliant scientist who has the misfortune of being a woman in 1950's America. After a frustrating failed academic career, Zott finds success in an unlikely place as the host of a television cooking show.
Meeting February 28th at 4:30PM

If you have any questions, please give me a call, La Vonne 218-280-3136. We could carpool too if that works out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Reminder: Classes have resumed after winter break. Stay tuned for more news of events being planned!



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