

# CALVARY UPDATE

July 2024

## CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

-Council Meeting July 14th  
after church

Find us on 

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



### July Church Services

July 7<sup>th</sup>- Jenny Lien

July 14<sup>th</sup>- Pr. Ruth

July 21<sup>st</sup>- Jenny Lien

July 28<sup>th</sup>- Pr. Ruth



### FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings Calvary Church,

Here we are at the end of June already, time keeps marching on.

There is nothing new to report from the council. We would like to see more people in church for services, but it seems everyone is very busy in the summer.

As always, we have to thank and appreciate the people that are willing to come to lead services every Sunday.

Steve Carlson, President

**Polk County Fair**  
**July 10 - July 14, 2024**

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Calvary Council met on June 9<sup>th</sup> after church. Members present included Steve Carlson, Elmyrna Kaupang, Dave Natwick, Byron Kaupang, LaVonne McWilliam and Marissa McWilliam-Donner.

The meeting was called to order and the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both read and approved.

Under Old Business, LaVonne brought up getting the cross in front of the church fixed. This had previously been addressed after it was damaged by the tornado, but nothing had been done to fix it or take it down. Steve, Dave and Byron were going to look at it again after the meeting.

For New Business, Elmyrna mentioned that Gerri invited us to have a service out at their house on the lake sometime in August. The date will be decided when Jenny will be available to do the service. It would be potluck again like in the past. All were in favor of having the service at the Balstad's.

The meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup> after church.

Marissa McWilliam-Donner, Secretary

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*"He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills."*

*-Psalm 147: 8*

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**Just a reminder that offerings can be sent to 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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**Prayer List:**

**Marilyn Natwick, Jesse Hickman, Carr Smeby, Homebound, nursing home & assisted living members**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



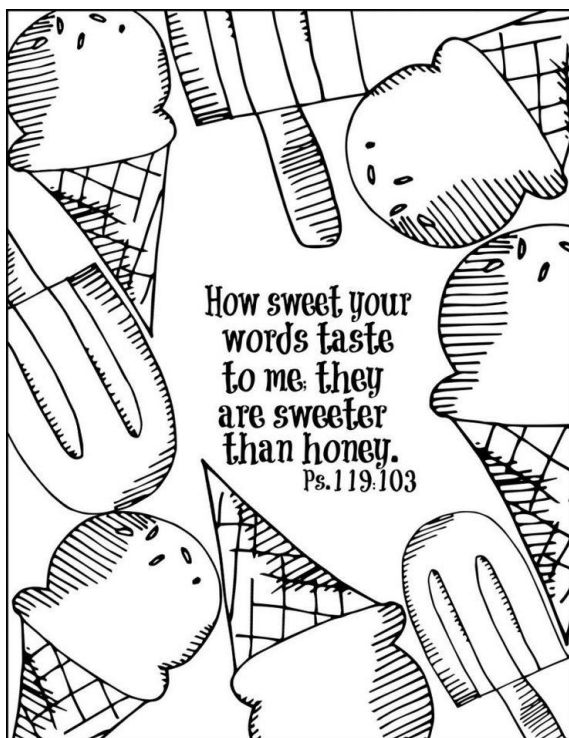
May was a busy month for our Sunday School. About 25 kids and their parents spent a Saturday afternoon at the bowling alley in Twin Valley. After we were done bowling, we had pop and pizza. The owner asked us to come back again and said, "The kids were great." What a wonderful compliment! The next day, the kids served desserts for Mother's Day. One of our favorite activities is to bake and serve the food.

We are looking for VBS dates. It is difficult to find a week without conflicts, but we are considering August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The plan would be to spend all day on Tuesday and Wednesday at the church. More details will be posted in the next newsletter. If anyone knows of a conflict with these dates, please let Devra know.

We invite kids from 4 to 12 years old to attend. All churches are invited! Kids 13 years and older are very much needed to help with the projects and we are planning some special activities for you!

**MORE TO COME!**

Devra



## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY

### July 7<sup>th</sup> (Lect 14) (Pent 7)

1<sup>st</sup>: Ezek 2: 1-5

Psalm: Ps 123

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Cor 12: 2-10

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-13

### July 14<sup>th</sup> (Lent 15) (Pent 8)

1<sup>st</sup>: Amos 7: 7-15

Psalm: Ps 85: 8-13

2<sup>nd</sup>: Eph 1: 3-14

Gospel: Mark 6: 14-29

### July 21<sup>st</sup> (Lent 16) (Pent 9)

1<sup>st</sup>: Jer 23: 1-6

Psalm: Ps 23

2<sup>nd</sup>: Eph 2: 11-22

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34,  
53-56

### July 28<sup>th</sup> (Lent 17) (Pent 10)

1<sup>st</sup>: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

Psalm: Ps 145: 10-18

2<sup>nd</sup>: Eph 3: 14-21

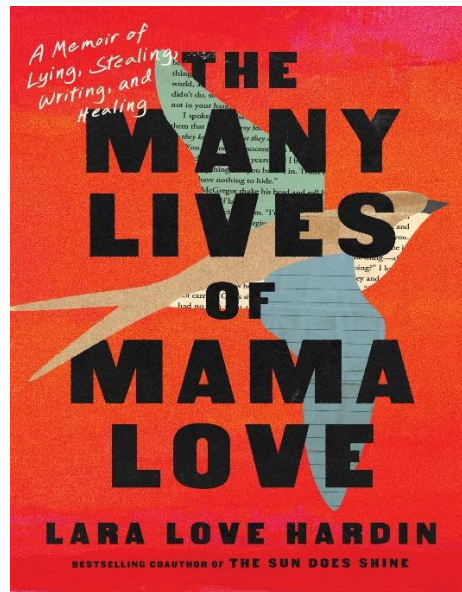
Gospel: John 6: 1-21



# You're Invited to join the First Lutheran Church Book Club in Mahanomen.

The book chosen for JULY meeting on July 31st is:

## The Many Lives of Mama Love: A Memoir of Lying, Stealing, Writing, and Healing by [Lara Love Hardin](#)



No one expects the police to knock on the million-dollar, two-story home of the perfect cul-de-sac housewife. But soccer mom Lara Love Hardin has been hiding a shady secret: She is funding her heroin addiction by stealing her neighbors' credit cards.

Lara is convicted of thirty-two felonies and becomes inmate S32179. She learns jail is a class system with a power structure somewhere between an adolescent sleepover party and *Lord of the Flies*. Furniture is made from tampon boxes, and Snickers bars are currency. But Lara quickly finds the rules and brings love and healing to her fellow inmates as she climbs the social ladder to become the “shot caller,” showing that jailhouse politics aren’t that different from the PTA meetings she used to attend.

When she’s released, she reinvents herself as a ghostwriter. Now, she’s legally co-opting other people’s identities and getting to meet Oprah, meditate with The Dalai Lama, and have dinner with Archbishop Desmond Tutu. But the shadow of her past follows her. Shame is a poison worse than heroin—there is no way to detox. She must learn to forgive herself and others, navigate life as a felon on probation, prove to herself, that she is better than bad, and much more.