

# CALVARY UPDATE

June 2024

## CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Council Meeting June 9<sup>th</sup>  
after church
- Winger Flag Day Fundraiser  
June 14<sup>th</sup>

Find us on 

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

### June Church Services

June 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jenny Lien  
June 9<sup>th</sup>- Nathan Johnson  
June 16<sup>th</sup>- Pr. Ruth  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>- Nathan Johnson  
June 30<sup>th</sup>- Pr. Ruth



### FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings Calvary Church,

Greetings, It sure can get wet quickly in this area. After two years of being dry all of a sudden the farmers are having to go around wet areas again. I hope they can get some dry days to finish up the planting and spraying.

Not much new to report, although it is nice to see a few more people in church most Sundays, and I hope it can keep up through the summer months. As always if you can see something the church can do better please let us know.

Steve Carlson, President

**Lord God, bless the seed, and all who plant it. The Gift of Soil: God created and entrusted the soil to our care. The soil is a home for the seed, nourishing and sustaining it. Soil sustains all of life, and is a precious resource.**



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Calvary Council met on May 5th after church. Members present included Marissa McWilliam-Donner, Byron Kaupang, Bob Vesledahl, Steve Carlson, Elmyrna Kaupang, and LaVonne McWilliam

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

Under Old Business it was confirmed that Cooper Gieseke will be doing the lawnmowing this summer and Karl Donner will trim and upkeep the bushes around the church.

Under New Business, LaVonne discussed the two options we had for covering the 2nd half of the church's insurance. We could transfer from the Memorial fund or pay it out of the general fund. The consensus was to transfer the amount from the Memorial Non-Committed fund to cover the payment.

Information received from Pastor Ruth that she is contracted with First Lutheran in Mahanomen until January 2025. Things may change but as of now, that is the plan. She will continue giving us one or two sermons a month until her contract is up.

The meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is June 9th after church.

Marissa McWilliam-Donner, Secretary

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*"Blessed be the Lord for the beauty of  
summer and spring, for the air, the water, the  
verdure, and the song of birds"*

*-Carl Linnaeus*

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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

President: Steve Carlson  
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### Church Secretary:

Marissa McWilliam-Donner  
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### **Prayer List:**

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

*Join us Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Flag Day*



**Winger American Legion Post 200 will be hosting Flag Day Fundraiser to raise money to make miscellaneous improvements in the Community.**

- At the park there will be a ceremony on how to properly dispose of old or damaged flags.
- A meal will be served starting at 5pm
- At the community center we will have a bake sale, silent auction, and misc. donated items for sale.
- For kids of all ages a “day at the lake” with games including fishpond, catching ducks, cake walk around the lake and a bait shop selling tickets and goods.

**If you would like to donate an item, baked goods, or your time the evening of the fundraiser please call 218-849-2745 - Kari Keller**

**(All proceeds will go to the Winger American Legion Post 200)**



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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE

June 2 (Lect 9) (Pent 2)

1<sup>st</sup>: Deut 5: 12-15

Psalm: Ps 81: 1-10

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Cor 4: 5-12

Gospel: Mark 2: 23–3:6

June 9 (Lect 10) (Pent 3)

1<sup>st</sup>: Gen 3: 8-15

Psalm: Ps 130

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Cor 4: 13–5:1

Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35

June 16 (Lect 11) (Pent 4)

1<sup>st</sup>: Ezek 17: 22-24

Psalm: Ps 92: 1-4, 12-15

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Cor 5: 6-17

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

June 23 (Lect 12) (Pent 5)

1<sup>st</sup>: Job 38: 1-11

Psalm: Ps 107: 1-3, 23-32

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Cor 6: 1-13

Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41

June 30 (Lect 13) (Pent 6)

1<sup>st</sup>: Lam 3: 23-33 or Wis

1: 13-15, 2:23-24

Psalm: Ps 30

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Cor 8: 7-15

Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43

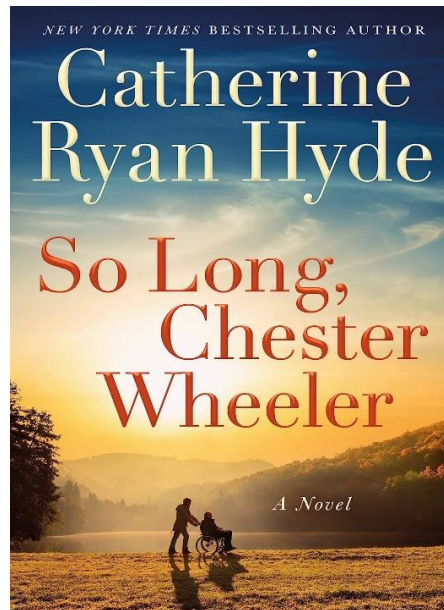


# You're Invited to join the First Lutheran Church Book Club in Mahanomen.

The book chosen for JUNE meeting on June 26th is:

## So Long, Chester Wheeler: A Novel

by Catherine Ryan Hyde



**Unlikely road trip companions form an unexpected bond in an uplifting novel about the past—lost and found—by the *New York Times* and #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author.**

Lewis Madigan is young, gay, out of work, and getting antsy when he's roped into providing end-of-life care for his insufferable homophobic neighbor, Chester Wheeler. Lewis doesn't need the aggravation, just the money. The only requirements: run errands, be on call, and put up with a miserable old churl no one else in Buffalo can bear. After exchanging barbs, bickering, baiting, and pushing buttons, Chester hits Lewis with the big ask.

Lewis can't say no to a dying wish: drive Chester to Arizona in his rust bucket of a Winnebago to see his ex-wife for the first time in thirty-two years—for the last time. One week, two thousand miles. To Lewis, it becomes an illuminating journey into the life and secrets of a vulnerable man he's finally beginning to understand. A neighbor, a stranger, and a surprising new friend whose closure on a conflicted past is also just beginning.

*So Long, Chester Wheeler* is an uplifting novel about looking deeper into the heart and soul to form bonds with the last people we'd expect—only to discover that they're the ones who need it most.