

# CALVARY UPDATE

November 2025

## CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

-Council Meeting November  
9th after church

Find us on 

**Fellowship Hour 10:30 AM**  
**Church Services 11:00 AM**  
**Sunday School 11:00 AM**



### November Church Services

All November Services will be provided  
by Theresa Sandness (SAM) of Fertile.



Dear Church Family,

What a joy it is to share this latest newsletter with you! As we reflect on the incredible things God is doing in our midst, I am filled with gratitude for your faith, generosity, and commitment to Calvary Church.

My name is Theresa Sandness, and I am your new Synod Authorized Minister. I want to take this opportunity to share a bit about myself. My husband Lionel and I have been married for over 15 years. We have 8 children together, aged 12-42, and 9 beautiful grandchildren. My husband is retired, and I was previously retired until my path led me to being a Synod Authorized Minister.

I am an Army Veteran who served in the First Gulf War (Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm). I have a B.S. in Criminal Justice, as well as a Licensed Practical Nursing Degree. I served for over 25 years in various Government positions before retiring. I am honored to be called to serve the Calvary congregation!

This newsletter reflects our community- a testament to the many hands and hearts that make Calvary Church such a special place. I hope you'll take a moment to read about the latest happenings, find inspiration for your month, and see a glimpse of the Lord's work being done right here.

I am praying for each of you as you navigate the month ahead. We are stronger when we walk together, and we hope this newsletter reminds you of the deep bonds we share as a church family.

See you in Church on Sunday!  
With Blessings and Hope,  
Synod Authorized Minister,  
Theresa Sandness

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Calvary Council met on October 12<sup>th</sup> after church. Members present included Steve, Elmyrna, Theresa, Byron, Marissa, LaVonne and Dave.

Steve called the meeting to order, and we started with a devotional prayer followed by the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports that were both read and approved.

Under Old Business, we discussed the Covenant Contract with Theresa that will last until the end of the year in which then we would be discussing a potential new contract going further. LaVonne would be checking with area accounting businesses to get quotes for the future need of payroll services beyond what our current software can do.

For New Business, Steve mentioned ok'ing the Benbo's to use our church for Bruce's funeral. We also discussed needing to have gluten free Communion wafers and Theresa was going to look into that for us. Lastly, we talked about possibly changing the church time back to 10:30AM, it was tabled until the next meeting after we get more feedback.

As there was no other business to discuss, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Elmyrna. The next meeting will be November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Marissa McWilliam-Donner, Secretary

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*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."*

*-Psalm 100: 4-5*

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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:**

**Jesse Hickman, Pam Wang, Nicholas Buck, Ardith Nefzger, Hazel Trogstad, Orrie Flermoen, Homebound, nursing home & assisted living members**



Please join us for a

# Thanksgiving DINNER



## Nov 27 11am 2pm

Hosted by FCA  
505 Ward Ave  
Erskine, MN 56535

**Come for food & fellowship.  
Bring a friend!**

### Menu:

**Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Roll,  
Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Squash & Pumpkin Pie**

**Please RSVP at 218.687.3733**

**or Text 218.280.3137**

**Free-Will Donation**

**All Proceeds Benefit FCA Students**



There will be a Pie and  
Christmas Wreath sign-up sheet  
on the back table from now until  
November 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a  
fundraiser for **St. Michael's of  
Mahnomen.**



## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

### November 2<sup>nd</sup> (All Saints Day)

1<sup>st</sup>: Dan 7: 1-3, 15-18

Psalm: Ps 149

2<sup>nd</sup>: Eph 1: 11-23

Gospel: Luke 6: 20-31

### November 9<sup>th</sup> (Lect 32) (Pent 22)

1<sup>st</sup>: Job 19: 23-27a

Psalm: Ps 17: 1-9

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

Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

### November 16<sup>th</sup> (Lect 33)(Pent 23)

1<sup>st</sup>: Mal 4: 1-2a

Psalm: Ps 98

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Thess 3: 6-13

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

### November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Christ the King)

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

Psalm: Ps 46

2<sup>nd</sup>: Col 1: 11-20

Gospel: Luke 23: 33-43

### November 27<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving)

1<sup>st</sup>: Deut 26: 1-11

Psalm: Ps 100

2<sup>nd</sup>: Phil 4: 4-9

Gospel: John 6: 25-35

### November 30<sup>th</sup> (Advent 1)

1<sup>st</sup>: Isa 2: 3-5

Psalm: Ps 122

2<sup>nd</sup>: Rom 13: 11-34

Gospel: Matt 24: 36-44



The fear of the LORD is the  
beginning of wisdom; A good  
understanding have all those who  
do His commandments. His praise  
endures forever.  
Psalms 111:10

# HARVEST OF BLESSINGS

