

CALVARY UPDATE

March 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

-Council Meeting March 15th
after church

Find us on 

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



FROM THERESA'S DESK

Wow! Spring is right around the corner! March 20th is the first day of Spring. In March as the days finally grow longer and all the flowers start to bloom, hope can spring up in us that perhaps we too will blossom. We have been buried in the cocoon of the work of our transition for a while now, and we still have a way to go. We are implementing First Communion, Confirmation and Baptism (not just for newborns-all are welcome to get baptized), so contact me if you or your child need to go through any of our programs. The office hours will be 10-2 on Wednesdays. (Please contact me for an appointment and walk ins are available.)

Lent encourages introspection and observation. I love the passage from the Gospel of Matthew about worry, and how it reminds me to put things in perspective. I often feel there are things I can control, and things I can't. Mostly though, I can't. And as Lent and Good Friday remind us, it's best to turn toward God and remember to put our trust in God's will, rather than our mortal wisdom.

As a congregation of people who have been brought together at this time and this place by the movement of God's spirit in our lives, it behooves us to take this season of Lent and this burgeoning of spring to pause, breathe, and settle. Here are some ideas to get you started: Sit in the warm sun and be comforted. As you do, remember Jesus' time in the desert. Pray



for stamina for yourself and this congregation. Get up close to a budding tree where you can see the brightness of the new life. Pray for the growth you are feeling as a person, and that we are feeling as a congregation. Walk near a body of water (even if there is ice on it. lol) and listen to it's movement. Pray that your spirit would be renewed for life and endurance. Help someone accomplish something that has no benefit for you.

Pray, and remember how much God has done for you. We are exactly where we are meant to be in this moment, and God is with us. Blessed Lent!

Theresa Sandness SAM

218-368-2755 Don't hesitate to leave a message if I am unable to answer, I will return your call as soon as I am able.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Calvary Council met after church on February 8th. Members present included Steve, Dave, LaVonne, Marissa, Byron, and Bob.

Steve called the meeting to order. First order of business, the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both read and approved.

Under Old Business, Bob said he got the surge protectors and all the wires in Theresa's office set up and organized. Next, LaVonne stated she has not set up the new Treasurer's laptop yet. She stated she wanted to wait until the Annual Meeting was over in case something happened with the transfer. She will order the software and have the Garden Valley Technology IT department transfer the information. She also discussed the FarmChek contract to process Theresa's payroll.

For New Business, there is new damage to the front doors. Paint has peeled off down to the core of the door. Bob will be checking on the repairs and the potential cost of replacing them.

LaVonne presented the 2026 Stewardship Budget for approval. Bob made a motion to accept the proposed budget, seconded by Dave. Motion carried. She also presented the proposed ballot for 2026. Byron made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

COUNCIL CONTACTS

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Marissa McWilliam-Donner

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The meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.
The next meeting is on March 15th, after church.

Marissa McWilliam-Donner, Secretary

*"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your
needs from his glorious riches which have been given to us in*

Christ Jesus."

-Philippians 4:19



Prayer List:

**Pam Wang, Hazel Trogstad, Corniel
Espeseth, Homebound, nursing
home & assisted living members**

**LECTIONARY
READINGS FOR
MARCH**

March 1st (Lent 2)

1st: Gen 12: 1-4a

Psalm: Ps 121

2nd: Rom 4: 1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3: 1-17

March 8th (Lent 3)

1st: Exod 17: 1-7

Psalm: Ps 95

2nd: Rom 5: 1-11

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

March 15th (Lent 4)

1st: 1 Sam 16: 1-13

Psalm: Ps 23

2nd: Eph 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

March 22nd (Lent 5)

1st: Ezek 37: 1-14

Psalm: Ps 130

2nd: Rom 8: 6-11

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

March 29th (Passion/Palm)

1st: Isa 50: 4-9a

Psalm: Ps 31: 9-16

2nd: Phil 2: 5-11

Gospel: Matt 26: 14—
27:66



