

CALVARY UPDATE

August 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

-Ladies' Aide meeting August
11th 11AM at the church
-Council Meeting August 9th
-Blessing of the Backpacks
August 30th

Find us on 

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



FROM THERESA'S DESK

Dear Beloved Church Family,

As we step into the month of August, I am reminded of the words from **Galatians 6:9**—“*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*”

Summer often brings a slower pace, but God's work in and through us never stops. This month, I encourage each of us to look for opportunities to sow seeds of kindness, faith and hope in the lives of those around us. Whether it's a simple word of encouragement, a helping hand, or a prayer for someone in need, these small acts can bear eternal fruit. Let us continue to be a light in our community, trusting that God is preparing a harvest in His perfect timing.

We had a wonderful turnout for VBS this year: 18 students!! Thank you to the parents and the students and a very special thank you to my classroom helpers, my kitchen helpers and my music and guitar helpers, you guys are amazing and Calvary is so blessed to have you! We will be starting Sunday School, Confirmation (grades 7-9th grade) and anyone needing First Communion next month. Please let me know if you have a student or child that will be participating.

Special Focus: Back-to-School Blessing

On Sunday, August 30th, we will have a special time of prayer for all students, teachers, and school staff as they begin a new academic year. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this meaningful service. We will also be having “Blessing of the Backpacks,” so bring your backpack for the service.

Prayer Corner:

Please keep the following in your prayers this month:

- Those facing health challenges in our congregation
- Families preparing for the school year
- Missionaries serving abroad



- Service members and First Responders
- Peace and unity in our community and nation

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office or let Marissa or I know.

Church family, let's walk into August with hearts full of expectation. God is faithful, and He is at work in ways we can see and in ways we cannot yet see. May we be steadfast in prayer, joyful in hope, and generous in love.

Grace and peace,
Theresa Sandness, SAM

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Calvary Council met after church on July 19, 2026. Members present included Steve, Elmyrna, Dave, Byron, Marissa, and LaVonne. Theresa was also present.

The meeting was called to order; the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both read and approved. Theresa gave her report stating that 18 kids came to VBS, which was a great turnout! She also thanked all who helped with the teaching, the kitchen, and the music. She also stated that there will be 5-6 Confirmation kids this fall.

Under Old Business, we discussed helping pay a portion of the Bible Camp fees, which have been taken care of. We also discussed lawn mowing. Due to the amount of rain we had in June, the lawn was being cut twice a week.

LaVonne also brought up that new signs for the bathrooms will be installed shortly.

For New Business, LaVonne mentioned a handrail is needed in the former men's bathroom to be ADA compliant. Also, the cement piece previously fixed on the ramp needed to be patched again. She will contact Bob regarding these two issues.

LaVonne stated we needed to do something about the funds received for the new doors. It was decided to contact the donors to see where they would want the funds distributed. We have a person donating the funds needed to purchase the doors and paying for the installation.

Lastly, she discussed an email bill requesting payment for the Synod Assembly held via ZOOM in May. After some discussion, it seemed like an unusual request as the meeting was over Zoom and not an in-house meeting with the usual expenses. Motion made by Dave to not pay the fee; Elmyrna seconded the motion.

No further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be August 9th.

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*"From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name
is to be praised."*

-Psalm 113: 3

DOOR FUNDRAISER!

Thank you to all who donated funds for the door! We have received a donation for the doors and installation. An update will be made once they are finished!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 30th!

Bring your backpack to
church!

Prayer List:

Pam Wang, Donna Lucken, Homebound, nursing home &
assisted living members

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

August 2 (Lect 18) (Pent 10)

1st: Isaiah 55: 1-5

Psalm: Ps 145: 8-9,14-21

2nd: Rom 9: 1-5

Gospel: Matt 14: 13-21

August 9 (Lect 19) (Pent 11)

1st: 1 Kings 19: 9-18

Psalm: Ps 85: 8-13

2nd: Rom 10: 5-15

Gospel: Matt 14: 22-33

August 16 (Lect 20) (Pent 12)

1st: Isa 56: 1, 6-8

Psalm: Ps 67

2nd: Rom 11: 1-2, 29-32

Gospel: Matt 15: 21-28

August 23 (Lect 21) (Pent 13)

1st: Isa 51: 1-6

Psalm: Ps 138

2nd: Rom 12: 1-8

Gospel: Matt 16: 13-20

August 30 (Lect 22) (Pent 14)

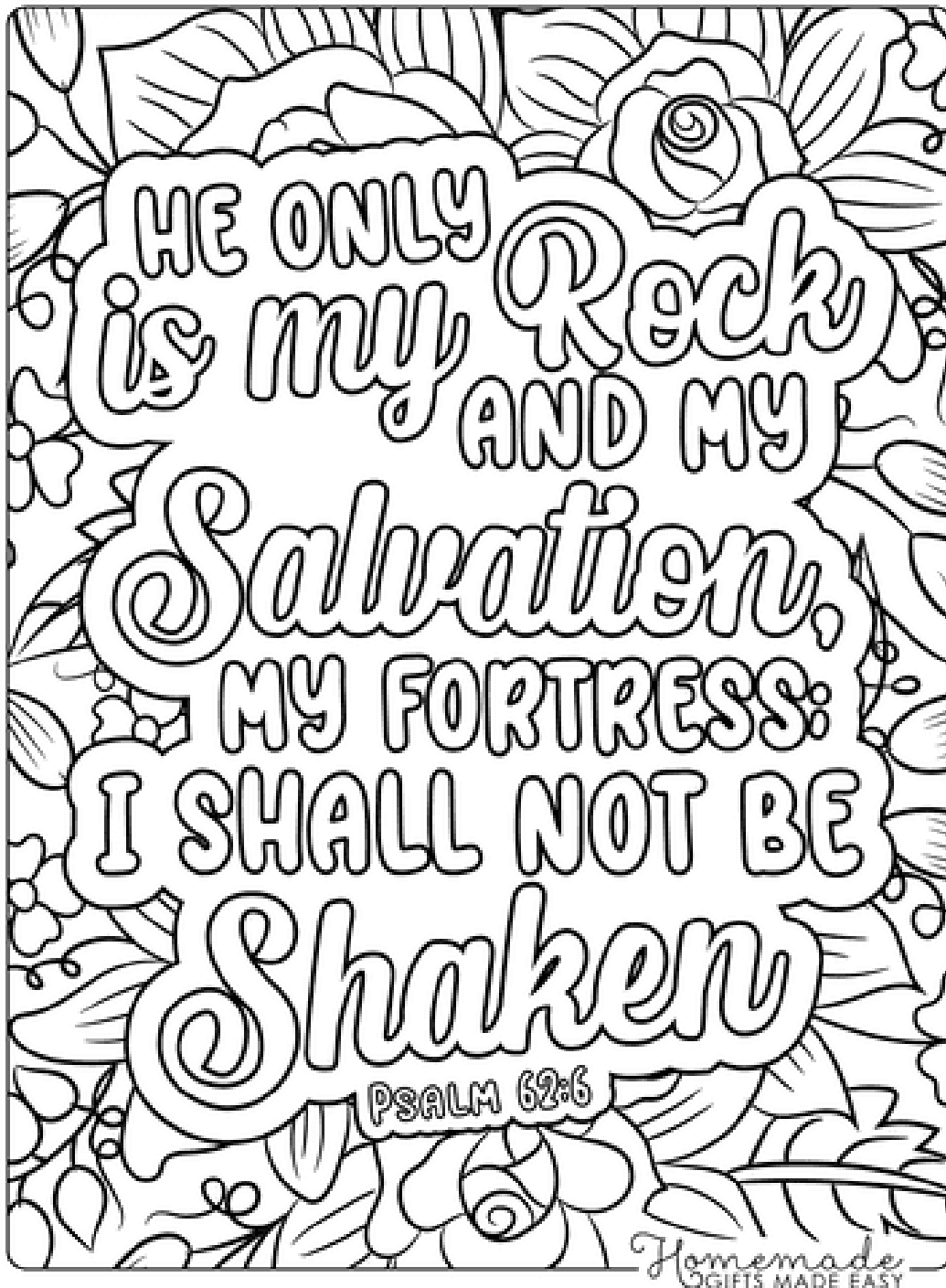
1st: Jer 15: 15-21

Psalm: Ps 26: 1-8

2nd: Rom 12: 9-21

Gospel: Matt 16: 21-28





**Ladies' Aide meeting August 11th
11AM
at the church. All are welcome!**

**Coffee & Conversation:
Tuesdays only for the summer!
9:00-10:30AM
All are welcome!**