

# The Calvary Call

June/July 2024

**Summer Worship:**  
Sundays June 2—Sept. 1  
9 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Bible Class  
**Wednesdays**  
7 PM Worship

Calvary Lutheran Church 4400 Central St. Sioux City, IA 51108 — 712-239-1575— [www.calvaryleeds.com](http://www.calvaryleeds.com)  
Pastor James Travis

June/July 2024

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## ORDINATION INSTALLATION

JULY 14 @ 4 PM

ALEX SMITH

CALVARY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

CELEBRATION MEAL  
FOLLOWING



**DAY CAMP #1**  
**KIDS' WOODWORKING CAMP**  
JUNE 11, 2024 9 AM to 3 PM



Register Now:  
[www.calvaryleeds.com](http://www.calvaryleeds.com)

**DAY CAMP #2**  
**KIDS' ART CAMP**  
JULY 9, 2024 9 AM TO 3 PM



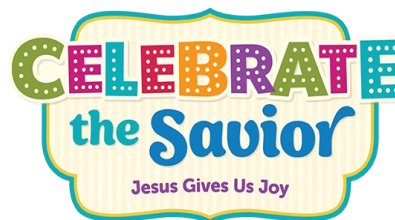
## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>

5 pm—Supper

5:30 pm to 8 pm

**Bible Stories, Music, Crafts,  
Games and More!**



**DAY CAMP #3**  
**KIDS' COOKING CAMP**  
AUGUST 6, 2024 9 AM to 3 PM



## Friendship Room Dedication

Sunday—June 9

9 AM

Thank God for our newly  
remodeled friendship room!

Donut Stop Following

## Installation & Ordination Service—Volunteer Opportunities

**The Following Opportunities Exist to make the Sunday July 14 Installation & Ordination Service & Meal go smoothly!**

**Choir:** Join the Choir: We will rehearse Thursdays July 11 & July 18 from 7 – 8 PM. If the group enjoys we can do more. Contact Pastor Travis – 712-202-8516

**Join the Bell Choir:** Contact Kim Cale – 712-899-6220

**Meal:** Help with the Installation Meal: Jimmy Williams will need others to help prep food. 712-535-8072 Help set up the Parish Hall chairs and tables, followed by decorating tables and getting out plates, napkins etc. – July 13 in the evening. Contact Julie Barto – 712-251-8216

**Welcome Committee:**

**Youth Skit for Installation** – Barb Stolle will be directing – There are no speaking parts but students will pretend to be famous basketball players, army, etc. 605-310-0846

Psalm 65:1-2 says, "Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come."

**Other Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Clean** Associate Pastors Office so it is move in ready.

**Card Shower:** See future bulletins for information in creating a card shower for Pastor Alex. Sponsored by Social Ministries Board.

**Office Volunteers:** Talk to Julie Barto and Dee Clausen's for opportunity to help put together the bulletin, newsletter, etc. 712-251-8216

**Refurbish Chairs:** Black leather material was purchased to replace chair seats that are ripping. Contact Pastor Travis 712-202-8516. A person simply needs a Phillips screw driver, staple gun, and patience!

## Pastor Alex Acceptance Letter



Dear Members of Calvary Lutheran Church

Greetings in the name of our Ascended Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

With exuberant joy in my heart and the conviction that God has called me to his service in your midst, I herewith announce my acceptance of the call that you have extended to me to serve as Associate Pastor with a special focus on youth and family.

I look forward to July 14<sup>th</sup> when I will be ordained as minister of God and installed to serve among you as pastor. Please uphold me in your prayers during this time of transition and in your joint commitment as stewards in God's kingdom.

I look forward to my ministry among you, especially among the congregation's youth. I can not wait to get to know all of you and begin forming relationships with you. My associate pastor had a significant role in my faith formation as a young adult, and I pray I have the same impact on those youth and young families that I will be focusing on. Your entire congregation has been in my prayers since before call day.

May the Lord, who is graciously present among us in **Word and Sacrament**, build us up in faith and knowledge so that we grow together in **both faith and truth**.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander D. Metz".

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## Meet Pastor Alex Smith

My name is Alex Smith.

I am the second of three children to my parents, Willie and Diane Smith. My sister Elizabeth was born in 1993; she currently lives in Fremont, Nebraska, and works as a Lutheran school teacher at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. I was born in 1996. My brother Nate was born in 2001; he lives in Springfield, Missouri, and is still going through college for graphic design while working as a chef/cook at various restaurants. I grew up in Denison, Iowa.

My father worked at Farmland Foods for most of my life. He has now retired and works part-time at our post office in Denison. He is also a 20+ year military veteran. My mom worked for Farm Bureau Insurance Agencies until 2020 when she went to work for the Crawford County Bank. My family has always been close. When I was a young boy, we almost always ate supper together as a family. My mom and dad, along with my brother and sister, have always supported my dream to be a pastor.

When did I first find out that I wanted to be a pastor? I was young, roughly around 3rd or 4th grade age, going through school at Zion Lutheran School, the school attached to my home church. I remember sitting in church one Sunday and seeing my Pastors, Pastor David Sewing and Pastor Kurt Kaiser up in the chancel leading worship. I looked over at my mom and told her that I thought I wanted to be a pastor just like them when I grew up. Pastor Kaiser and Pastor Sewing caught wind of it, and they knew they had me. They began to mentor me to show me just how a pastor lived and acted.

When I reached middle school, whenever a rep from any of the Concordia colleges or seminarians was in my area, Pastor Sewing or Kaiser let me know that they would set up a meeting at the church if I would like them to. I remember talking to a couple of representatives from the seminary in St. Louis just to get a feel of what it would be like.

When I began my college career, seminary was my ultimate goal. All the pastors I met along the way have played an enormous role in my being where I am today. While I was in college, Pastor Josh Keinath took a call to be the pastor of my home church of Zion. My journey to and through the seminary was

not always easy. From pastors and mentors that I had retiring or taking other calls and losing touch with them to my first year down at seminary in the middle of the year, the world stopped because of COVID. Then, learning a foreign language in the middle of the pandemic was not easy. My journey to and through the seminary was not the straight and narrow way that I had hoped it would be.

When I am not at work in the church I enjoy being outdoors. Please let me know if you know of any good hiking or walking trails in the area. I also enjoy attending sporting events no matter the level: high school, college, or upper level. I also love being around people; I think that is one of the main reasons I like sports so much; you just get to be around people. You can ask Pastor Ryan or any of the people at my congregation in Carroll if one of the kids had a ballgame and I did not have anything going on for the church I was there. Some might have seen that as work, and that's okay; I saw it as my time to relax, and I just happened to be with church members. I enjoyed doing that, and it brought me closer to them. Well, now you know more about your new Associate Pastor.

God's peace,

Alex Smith



ALEXANDER SMITH

## Pastor Travis' Message-Do You Want Success?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do you want to be successful? If you are like me, the answer is yes depending what you mean by success. One person may define success by the number of likes they receive on Social Media; another defines success by the number of people who buy a product they make. Still others define success as having and maintaining two and a half kids, a wife, two jobs (making good money), one dog, one boat, and eight activities and living to tell about it.

To be honest I like to get likes, my biggest accomplishment is over 8 million views on Google Maps and Reviews for Gluten Free food and restaurants. I am also thankful for being able to provide for my family although I do not have the dog or eight activities for the boys anymore. All these accomplishments are nothing compared to success as defined by the Bible. Jesus says in John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Jesus is the giver of the abundant life or as I am talking "The Successful Life!" This month's sermon series will follow the lectionary reading for this summer in 2 Corinthians. You will be amazed how relevant God's Word is when it comes to success. I'm going to define success through the book of 2 Corinthians:

1. Knowing the Trinity – May 26 & 29
2. Handing out Treasure in Clay Jars – June 2 & 5
3. Living Well when my Body is Falling Apart June 9 & 12

4. Living Well in Temporary Tents – June 16 & 19
5. Putting up with Garbage for the Sake of Others June 23 & 26
6. The Act of Giving vs. Receiving – June 30 & July 3
7. Living with Contentedness – July 7 & 10

All of these unusual life style choices take place within living out our Vocations (i.e. Living as a Parent, Husband or Wife, Neighbor, Employer or Employee, Governor or Citizen.) All of the above are gifts from Jesus. Putting up with garbage does not seem successful, yet when we follow Jesus such a lifestyle will change the world or at least the people around us. Success may involve making money and even doing well, but for a different reason than merely living the stereotypical imagined life for its own sake. God may grant us the gifts to manage money well for the benefit of ourselves, our family, and to impact the world around us for the sake of Jesus, but he may grant us success with the gifts of conversation and the management of other resources!

I pray you are blessed with true success from Jesus!

In Christ,

Pastor Travis



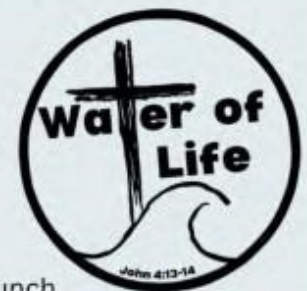
## CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2024

### Discipleship Programs

May 31-June 2...Kids' Kamp  
 June 7-10...JOY Camp #1  
 June 23-27...Cub Week #1  
 June 30-July 5...July 4 Family Retreat  
 July 7-13...Junior High Week  
 July 11-14...JOY Camp #2  
 July 14-20...Cub Week #2  
 July 21-27...Youth Week (High School)  
 July 28-August 2...Family Retreat #1  
 August 4-9...Family Retreat #2

### Other Events

January 26-28...Family Ice Fishing Retreat  
 May 3-5...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend  
 June 1...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction  
 June 16-22...Minneboji Lutheran Camp  
 June 23-27...Living Proof Dance Camp  
 May 26-September 8...Sunday Worship  
 1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch



For more information and to register, visit [campokoboji.org](http://campokoboji.org)



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## Help Needed for Greenfield, Iowa—Julie Mann IOWAY DIRECTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may be aware, Greenfield, Iowa has recently been devastated by a powerful tornado that caused significant damage to homes, infrastructure, and lives. Families have lost their homes, cherished belongings, and, tragically, some have lost loved ones. Thankfully, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenfield did not sustain damage. We have heard of others in Western Iowa who have also been impacted by these storms.

In times like these, our faith community has an opportunity to come together and make a difference. We are reaching out to you today to request your support for our disaster relief efforts. Your generous donation will directly impact the lives of those affected by this natural disaster.

### How You Can Help:

1. I would ask each of our congregations to keep our communities in your prayers. Encourage your congregation to pray for healing, strength, and resilience during this challenging time.
2. We kindly ask for your financial support. You may wish to consider a door offering. Your contribution will go toward emergency supplies, shelter, and long-term recovery efforts.
3. There will be organized efforts to provide physical assistance through LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams). If you are trained or would like to be trained by LERT please go to [www.lcms-lert.org](http://www.lcms-lert.org). All LERT communication can be found on this site.
4. I encourage individual congregations to organize their own volunteer efforts. Just check with community leaders where their needs are.

### Ways to Donate:

1. By mail: send your check payable to Iowa District West with “Disaster Relief Fund” in the memo line. Online: [IowaDistrictWest.org](http://IowaDistrictWest.org) and click on “Donate” to make a secure online donation. Select the “Disaster Relief” option.
2. In person: Drop off your donation at the district office during business hours.

In Christ’s love,

Rev. Dr. Steven Turner & Julie Mann Director of IDW Disaster Relief Cell: 515-408-9696



**Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines:** All information for the weekly bulletins must be turned into the Church Office no later than 12 noon on Thursdays. All information for the monthly newsletter must be turned into the Church Office no later than 10 am on the 3rd Monday of each month. Thank you! The *Calvary Call* is published monthly by Calvary Lutheran Church, 4400 Central Street, Sioux City, Iowa, 51108.

**Contact us:** Phone 712-239-1575; ; email — Pastor Travis: [Rev.Travis@hotmail.com](mailto:Rev.Travis@hotmail.com); Church Office: [CalvarySecretary@aol.com](mailto:CalvarySecretary@aol.com); Church Website: [calvaryleeds.com](http://calvaryleeds.com); Facebook- <http://www.facebook.com/CalvaryLeeds>

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## Worship Assistants for June/July 2024

### Elders

Sun., June 2, 9:00 am: Brian Hickman  
 Wed., June 5, 7:00 pm: Stuart Utech  
 Sun., June 9, 9:00 am: Denny Barto  
 Wed., June 12, 7:00 pm: Wayne Guy  
 Sun., June 16, 9:00 am: Jim Torgerson  
 Wed., June 19, 7:00 pm: Stuart Utech  
 Sun., June 23, 9:00 am: Dave Powell  
 Wed., June 26, 7:00 pm: Wayne Guy  
 Sun., June 30, 9:00 am: Dave Clausen

Wed., July 3, 7:00 pm: Stuart Utech  
 Sun., July 7, 9:00 am: Brian Hickman  
 Wed., July 10, 7:00 pm: Wayne Guy  
 Sun., July 14, 9:00 am: Denny Barto  
 Wed., July 17, 7:00 pm: Stuart Utech  
 Sun., July 21, 9:00 am: Jim Torgerson  
 Wed., July 24, 7:00 pm: Wayne Guy  
 Sun., July 28, 9:00 am: Dave Powell  
 Wed., July 31, 7:00 pm: Stuart Utech

### Chancel Guild

#### **June**

Sun., June 2, 9:00 am: Jenny Burnette,  
 Carol Casotti  
 Wed., June 5, 7:00 pm: Sharilyn Steck,  
 Rhonda Hageman  
 Sun., June 16, 9:00 am: Diana Lahrs,  
 Julie Clayton  
 Wed., June 19, 7:00 pm: Terri Guy,  
 Carol Parrish  
 Sun., June 30, 9:00 am: Julie Barto,  
 Sandy Ohl

### **Trustee's Corner**

The (Tuckpointing) brickwork on the outside of the church is being repaired.  
 The cabinet for the Friendship Room is installed. The Parish Hall & Tower water leaks are being addressed.

### **Membership Class**

Do you want to learn more about the Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod? Do you want to become a member of Calvary Lutheran Church? Do you want to refresh your Confirmation lessons from long ago? Classes are Thursday at 7:00 pm. Each class is about 1 hour long and meets for 10 sessions. If interested please contact Pastor Travis at 712-202-8516 or the church office at 712-239-1575.



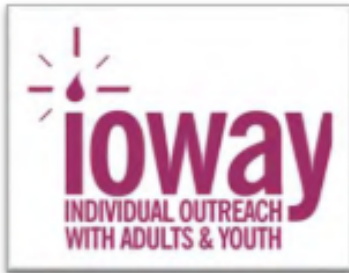
### **July**

Wed., July 3, 7:00 pm: Penny Hofer-Miller,  
 Vicky Boddy  
 Sun., July 7, 9:00 am: Teri Mevius,  
 Tammy Rawson  
 Wed., July 10, 7:00 pm: Jenny Burnette,  
 Carol Casotti  
 Sun., July 21, 9:00am: Sharilyn Steck,  
 Rhonda Hageman  
 Wed., July 24, 7:00 pm: Diana Lahrs,  
 Julie Clayton

### **Projector**

Sun., June 2-Rick Book  
 Sun., June 9-Barb Stolle  
 Sun., June 16-Jeff Woolridge  
 Sun., June 23-Pastor Travis  
 Sun., June 30-Rick Book





Julie Mann

IOWAY Director / Disaster Response Coordinator

[julie@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:julie@iowadistrictwest.org)

515-408-9696

Back in October, I spoke a little bit about LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams), one of the branches of LCMS mercy and missions. In light of the destructive spring weather we have had here in the Midwest, I thought it may be a good time to clarify a few things.

1. LERT teams are not emergency/first responders. We do not go in moments, hours, or sometimes several days after a significant event has occurred.
2. If something happens in your direct area, please contact your pastor and the district office if possible. We will put things into action from there.
3. Our team assessors go into a site once it has been declared safe for relief volunteers to enter an area.
4. The goal is to work through an LCMS church in the affected area as a 'base camp'. This is not to put extra work on the pastor, leadership team, or congregation members, rather to let the community know where they can go for support in the days and weeks that follow.

Most recently IDW LERT volunteers did some work through St. John Lutheran Church, Honey Creek, after the Minden tornadoes, with the generous help of friends from the Missouri and Iowa East Districts. Some of the things that were done included:

1. Assisting in organizing, packing/loading items for residents, and giving help several days at the Neola Community Center where all the donations of food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, sheets, diapers/wipes, tarps, clothes, etc...were located.
2. Unloading trucks and cars of donations.
3. Checking people in at the Community Center to make sure the people of the community were the ones getting the needed supplies.
4. LERT trained chainsaw teams helped take down several trees and trained volunteers walked sev-

eral recently planted fields for cleanup at farmsteads outside of Minden.

5. Being a ministry of presence – listening to many people who were affected by this specific storm.
6. Providing a day of LERT training for those not already trained.

A few things to know following an event like this:

1. Pray for those affected!
2. If you live in the general area, wait to find out where donated items should go and what can be used. This is SUPER helpful! Please make sure anything donated is clean, clothes are not typically wanted right away, and always make sure any food you are donating has an expiration date of at least 6 months out. (You'd be surprised.)

Monetary donations are very helpful if you are not in the general area. Julie Mann IOWAY Director / Disaster Response Coordinator [julie@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:julie@iowadistrictwest.org) 515-408-9696 5 3. It can sometimes be messy, muddy work but we need people with all kinds of gifts/talents to be on teams: cooking, organizing, site assessment, listening, host housing, etc.

Things to do now if you want to be involved:

1. Please sign up through [www.LCMS-LERT.org](http://www.LCMS-LERT.org) which is the Synod's site where all communication must go through (basic training, specialized training, deployments). You can also 'fan' other districts to get notifications and help out elsewhere if possible.
2. Follow IOWAY on Facebook for general communication or community events like the field clean up that happened in Manilla.

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## Finance Secretary's Report

### Income Received for April 2024 \$

Envelopes.....	\$19,149.20
Plate .....	179.03
Special Service Donations .....	350.00
Checking Account Interest.....	10.39
<b>YTD Envelope &amp; Plate Total:.....</b>	<b>\$19,688.62</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Other (Brick, candy, Bible purchase) .....	75.00
Birthday Scholarship .....	100.00
Building Fund .....	125.00
Church Renovation Fund .....	0.00
Donut Stop (Donuts) .....	30.00
Flowers (Lillies).....	0.00
Parish Hall Use.....	24.00
Pastor's Special Account.....	150.00
Sunday School Missions .....	43.00
Thrivent .....	110.00
Memorials (Burg, Kilstrom) .....	85.00
WNAC Pizza/Projects.....	236.00
Youth Activities .....	20.00
<b>Subtotal Designated Funds.....</b>	<b>998.00</b>
<b>Total Monthly Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$20,686.62</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	
Week 1 .....	\$5,217.10
Week 2 .....	5,901.81
Week 3 .....	3,363.02
Week 4 .....	4,284.30
Week 5 .....	0.00
Thrivent Choice.....	1,910.00
Checking Interest.....	10.39
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>20,686.62</b>
<b>2024 Year-to-Date Total: .....</b>	<b>\$20,686.62</b>

## Treasurer's Statement of Income & Expense

April 2024

<b>Checking Account Balance, 4/01/24</b>	<b>\$ 257,687.40</b>
Plus Income	\$20,676.23
Less Expense	(24,745.41)
Plus Interest	0.39
Plus transf. from LCEF	0.00
	<b>\$(4,058.79)</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$253,628.61</b>
<b>LCEF Steward Account Balance 4/01/24</b>	
	<b>\$10,251.93</b>
Plus Transfers In	0.00
Less Transfers Out	0.00
Plus Interest	5.60
	<b>10,257.53</b>
<b>LCEF Steward Account Balance 4/30/24</b>	<b>\$10,257.53</b>
<b>Dedicated Funds</b>	
Social Ministries	\$1,520.00
Building Fund	7,766.37
Designated Memorials	5,327.82
Undesignated Memorials	1,010.00
Dedicated Accounts	35,746.44
Outside Purposes	376.81
National Youth Gathering	0.00
World Missions	0.00
Capital Improvement	0.00
<b>Total All Obligated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 51,747.44</b>
Un-obligated Funds	212,138.70
<b>Total Checking &amp; Savings Funds</b>	<b>\$ 263,886.14</b>

**20<sup>TH</sup> Christian Cross Festival**  
 SATURDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> 2024  
 3PM-11PM  
 SKYVIEW LAKE NORFOLK, NE

FREE EVENT FEATURING

JORDAN FELIZ  
 COCHRÉN & Co.  
 7TD  
 REMEDY DRIVE  
 ADELAIDE  
 CONSUMED BY FIRE

ENJOY GREAT MUSIC FOOD KAYAKING ON THE LAKE PRAYER FIREWORKS AND MORE!  
 FREE-WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED \*NO ALCOHOL\* HANDICAPPED PARKING AVAILABLE

## Christian Cross Festival

Christian Cross Festival  
 in Norfolk, NE on June 8th  
 from 3 pm-11 pm. SkyView  
 Lake.

Free Will Offering.

Fly By Night Fireworks

[www.ChristianCrossFestival.org](http://www.ChristianCrossFestival.org)





## Our Church Family

### Confirmed Faith

- Addison Dunkel 5/5/24
- Brady Dunkel 5/5/24
- Colin Dunkel 5/5/24
- Chloe Fetterman 5/5/24
- Jonah Jochum 5/5/24
- Kali Kovarna 5/5/24
- Madison Musselman 5/5/24
- Ella Palmer 5/5/24
- Bryce Perryman 5/5/24
- Meika Torgerson 5/5/24
- Brianna Traver 5/5/24
- Madison Williams 5/5/24
- Morgan Williams 5/5/24



### Transferred

- Kali Kovarna 5/5/2024-to Trinity in Hinton

## Our Members in the Military

Please pray for these members:

- Trisha Hansen Goethring
- Taylor Jones
- Riley McFarland
- Cole Barbee
- Timothy Mingo, Jr.
- Colbie Larson
- Collen Larson

(If your family has someone in the Military, call us and we will add their names to the list - 712-239-1575.)



## Calvary Members at Home

### Northern Hills:

Sue (Member of Trinity Hinton)  
Marjorie

### Westwood:

Jan (A Calvary Guest)

### Pioneer Village:

Bonnie  
Nancy

### Storm Lake:

Roger & Judy

### Whispering Creek:

Bel

### Valley Lake, Valley, NE:

Eva

### Acura Health:

Barbara

### At Home:

Sue

## Grief Share

The summer session for GriefShare began Tuesday morning, May 21 and runs through August 20, 10:30 - Noon. The evening group sessions take place from 6:30 - 8:00 pm Thursday evenings, May 23 and runs through Thursday, August 22. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Participant exercise books are at no cost (\$20) to you. To register please go to [calvaryleeds.com](http://calvaryleeds.com). Turn your mourning into joy. Call 712-389-5226 for additional information. Continued blessings from the Lord to you and your family.

The first Monday of each month at 10:30 am there will be a GriefShare Reunion Coffee/Conversation in the Parish hall.



## Book Club

Book Club is taking the Summer off , but will return in September with another interesting book. Have a wonderful Summer.

Mary Lou

Maryrose

Bary

Lois

Bev

Barb

Joe(member of a sister church in NE)

Ellen

Clair & Linda



# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Micah Travis Graduation Open House
2 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15am Bible Study	3 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b> 10:30 am Grief- Share Reunion Coffee/ Conversation	4 10:30 am Grief- share	5 9:30 am Lamp- lighters-Faith  9:30 am- Pheasant Acres 7:00pm Worship	6 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Stew- ardship 6:30 pm Grief- share	7 6:30 pm Calvary @ the Leeds Parade	8 8:00 am-8:00 pm-Prayer Vigil
9 9:00am Worship 10:15am Bible Study <b>Dedication of Friendship Room Mite Sunday Donut Stop</b>	10 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b>	11 <b>9:00 am Day Camp 1- Woodworking</b> 10:30 am Grief- share 5:30 pm Educa- tion 6:30 pm Out- reach 7:00 pm Trus- tees	12 10:30 am North- ern Hills 1:00 pm Wor- ship w/HC 7:00pm Worship	13 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Grief- share	14 7:00 pm Gospel Mission	15
16 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15am Bible Study  <b>Father's Day</b>	17 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b>	18 10:30 am Grief- share 6:15 pm Wor- ship & Music 7:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Ruth Circle	19 3:00 pm Casa de Paz 7:00pm Worship w/HC	20 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Grief- share	21	22 8:30 am & 10:30 am Mercy Meals at Faith
23 9:00am Worship <b>Voters Meeting</b> 10:15am Bible Study	24 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b>	25 10:30 am Grief- share	26 10:30 am North- ern Hills 7:00pm Worship w/HC	27 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Grief- share	28	29
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b> 10:30 am Grief-Share Reunion Coffee/ Conversation	2 10:30 am Grief-share	3 9:00 am Lamp-lighters-Hope 7:00pm Worship	4 <b>Fourth of July Office Closed</b>	5 7:00 pm Gospel Mission	6
7 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15am Bible Study	8 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b>	9 <b>9:00 am –3:00 pm Day Camp 2</b> <b>Art</b> 10:30 am Grief-share 5:30 pm Education 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Trustees	10 1:00 pm Worship w/HC 7:00pm Worship w/HC	11 10:00 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Youth Board 6:30 pm Grief-share	12	13 8:00 am-8:00 pm-Prayer Vigil
14 9:00am Worship 10:15am Bible Study 1:00 pm Board of Education <b>4:00 pm Ordination &amp; Installation of Pastor Alex Smith.</b>	15 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b>	16 10:30 am Grief-share 6:15 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm Elders	17 7:00pm Worship	18 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Grief-share	19	20
<b>Mite Sunday Donut Stop</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School 5:00 pm-8:00 pm July 15-19</b>					
21 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15am Bible Study  <b>Ordination of Pastor Matt Martin @ Trinity in Remsen</b>	22 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b>	23 10:30 am Grief-share	24 7:00pm Worship w/HC	25 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Grief-share	26	27 8:30am & 10:30 am Mercy Meals at Faith
28 9:00am Worship 10:15am Bible Study	29 6:30 pm-LWML-Oscar Carl Vineyard-1473 Buchanan Ave	30 10:30 am Grief-share	31 7:00pm Worship			
<b>Pastor Travis At Camp Okoboji Family Retreat 7/29-8/5</b>						

## Constitution and By-Law Change Proposed

At the April and May Council Meeting the following proposal was adopted to be taken to the June 23 Voter's Assembly Meeting:

### **Existing: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

(cf. Constitution Article V unalterable)

**Transfer of Membership** - Members desiring to join a congregation in church fellowship shall present their requests for transfer to the pastor, to whom authorization is granted to issue such transfers. Such transfers shall be approved in a subsequent meeting of the Church Council.

**Joining Other Churches** - In cases where members have joined another congregation outside our own fellowship, they shall, upon recommendation of the pastor, be considered such as have terminated their membership, and their names shall be removed from the membership list by a resolution of the Church Council.

**Whereabouts Unknown** - The names of members whose whereabouts are unknown and cannot be established shall be removed by the Church Council, and forthwith such membership is terminated.

**Excommunication and Self-Exclusion** - Any member who conducts himself in an unchristian manner shall be admonished according to Matthew 18:15-20. If he refuses to amend his sinful life after proper admonition, he shall be excommunicated. If the member refuses to attend the Congregational Meeting to discuss his case, he has thereby excluded himself. A unanimous vote shall be required for every resolution by the Congregational Meeting for excommunication or self-exclusion. Excommunication or self-exclusion terminates membership (cf. policy adopted by Board of Elders and Church Council).

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**Not Confirmed:** *Upon every baptized member's 21st Birthday it will be evaluated if such member has confirmed his/her faith. If he/she has not confirmed his/her faith they will be admonished one last time according to Matthew 18 by mail and if possible in person. If there is still no response or refusal to start instruction he/she will be removed by self-exclusion.*

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## Lutherans for Life

"For the Christian, changing hearts and minds isn't just about meeting bodily needs; it also means connecting our neighbor to the true source of life—Christ Himself. It means providing for our needs in this world and the next by boldly intertwining our works and words of mercy with the gift of mercy Himself. It means helping him carry the crosses of this world on the way to his heavenly home." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## Altar Flowers

Commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one by providing altar flowers for the worship services through November of 2024. During December we decorate with Poinsettias. Sign your name to the poster in the Friendship Room or call the church office at 712-239-1575 for 2024 and we will order a bouquet from Bittersweet Florals Flower Shop for a cost of \$63.50. Thank you for adding to our services with flowers. If you desire to bring your own bouquet still sign the chart and note you will bring your own.

# SIouxLAND LUTHERAN HISPANIC MINISTRY

## Welcome Yasmin Azuzena Osterholt!

I was born and raised in the Siouxland area by my parents Martha Olivares and Gustavo De Anda. I attended Wayne State College for three years and transferred to The University of Iowa, where I received my Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics with an emphasis in Teaching English as a Second language.

I was introduced to the Lutheran Faith by my now husband, Christopher Osterholt when we first started dating and in 2023, I became a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA. The start of this year I volunteered and assisted with teaching English for the Hispanic Ministry ESL program. Being a part of this program has solidified a desire to work with the Hispanic community and to help spread the word of God. I was given the opportunity to be able to do a work study program to receive my certification as a

Director of Christian Education and start taking classes this fall at Concordia in Irvine, CA. With this work study program Pastor Awe and Pastor Witte will be assisting me in learning the foundation of the LCMS history as well as the Bible.

I am excited to meet everyone and start working with the Siouxland Hispanic Ministry, to provide my services where they are needed.

## Siouxland Hispanic Ministry Committee

Our Hispanic Ministry Committee meets once a month (pictured below). We are actively working on communicating with congregations to help them in this ministry and inform them of needs and activities. We are currently working on calling a bilingual pastor. Visitors are welcome anytime!



Above: Yasmin & Chris Osterholt

## Prayers

- + For God's guidance as we seek a new bilingual pastor to serve in this ministry.
- + For youth who have recently arrived with their families that God would help them to adjust to the changes of language, customs, school, and friends. May they know that even though we are sojourners on this earth, we have God's eternal presence and love.
- + For the immigrants that God help them in the challenge of visas, work, housing, and adaption and to know that in Christ we have the hope of an "eternal house in heaven not made with human hands." (2 Cor. 5:1)
- + Yasmin in her studies and service to the church and the Hispanic Ministry.

## English as a Second Language at Calvary

Calvary in council May 28 voted to explore the possibility of hosting English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in order to reach out to our Spanish speaking neighbors. We would have them on Wednesday Evenings during Wednesday Night at Calvary (WNAC), so that youth could attend while their parents took classes. A decision will be made by August 31 and the classes will begin in September or October. If you would be interested in helping. Contact Julie Barto( 712-251-8216 or Yasmin 05-941-8965. Please pray for this endeavor. Also pray for Yasmin Osterholt and she persues becoming a Director of Christian Education (DCE)

## LCMS Youth Gathering– July 19-25, 2025 in New Orleans

Attention All 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: The National Gathering is in July 19 - 25 in 2025 in New Orleans LA. We are having an initial meeting in August with Pastor Alex Smith. Leaders will who would like to go will meet with our district youth rep on Sunday August 11th at 5pm at Redeemer.

About the Gathering: Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

The Gathering is more than the five days of the event. The preparation process for the Gathering brings together young people and supportive adults to encourage each other in their baptismal identity. The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus.

### What is the theme for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering?

The theme for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering is "ENDURE" and is centered around Hebrews 12:1-3. To learn more about the theme, refer to the Theological Foundation resource.

### What is the Gathering registration cost?

For groups with a Gathering registration postmarked **November 1, 2024**, the Gathering registration fee is **\$395**.

## Fall Youth Gathering:

### Junior Youth Gathering

**Date:** October 19-20, 2024

**Location:** Sheraton – West Des Moines

**Theme:** The Great Exchange (Psalm 51)

**Focus:** Confession and Absolution

**Registration information will be available  
August 1, 2024**



Following November 1, the Gathering registration fee is **\$425** per participant. This fee *(continued on page 16)*

*(Continued from page 14)* covers all Gathering program and Office of National Mission Youth Ministry administrative costs and secondary insurance for all participants. Hotel, travel, and meal costs are not included in the registration fee.

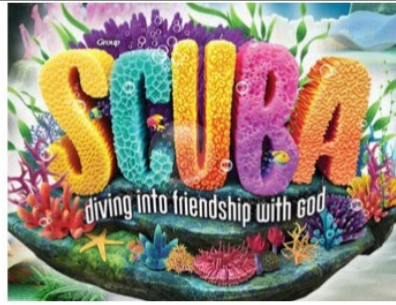
Participant registrations postmarked after March 3, 2025 will continue to be admitted to the Gathering on a space available basis for the late registration fee of **\$475**.

### Woodbury County Fair Youth Event

The Youth Connect will again be doing the food stand at the Woodbury county fair. We will be serving on Thursday August 1st. I will be making a food stand online sign up as well as a pie sign up as the date approaches. Please text Jennifer Copenhagen if you would like to help: 712-899-2927



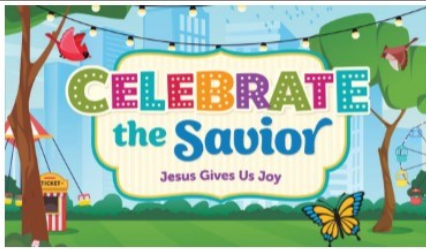
**Come Check Out all of these Awesome Siouxland Area VBS programs!**



**St. Paul's Lutheran  
Sioux City**

**Mon., June 3 - Fri., June 7,  
9 a.m.—Noon**

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.  
stpaulslutheranchurch.snappages.site



**Hope Lutheran  
South Sioux City**

**Mon., June 10– Fri. June 14  
from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Celebrate the Savior, Jesus Gives Us Joy. Jesus gives us so many things worth celebrating—most importantly his love and forgiveness.  
Hopelutheranssc.com



**Holy Cross Lutheran  
Dakota Dunes**

**Going on a Prayer Hunt  
Facing Fears and Trusting God  
Mon. thru Thurs., June 10th-13th  
9:00am -11:30am**

For Children Just Completing Preschool through 4th Grade  
holycrossdakotadunes@gmail.com

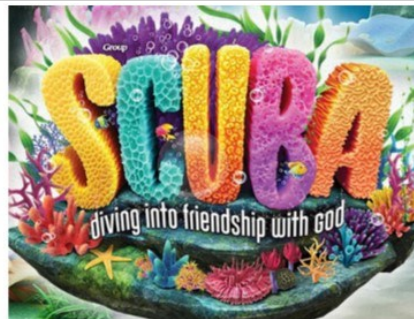


**Faith Lutheran  
Sioux City**

**Prayer VBS**

**Friday, July 12 - 5:00-8:00pm  
Saturday, July 13 - 9am-4:00pm  
Sunday, July 14 - 9:15am  
worship/program & carnival to follow. Ages 3-12**

www.myvbs.org/ faithsc



**Redeemer Lutheran  
Sioux City**

**Sun., July 7 - Thurs., July, 11  
6—8 p.m. \*meals at 5:30pm**

Join us for an under-the-ocean Scuba Adventure. We will learn about how to have a deeper friendship with God. Children (Potty- trained through 5th grade)  
www.redeemersiouxcity.com/



**Calvary Lutheran  
Leeds**

**Mon., July 15, to Fri., July 19  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Join us as we will emphasize how Jesus gives us joy through exciting games, lively music, and more!  
Let's Celebrate the Savior!  
www.calvarylutheransiouxcityia.org



**Shepherd of Peace Lutheran - Sergeant Bluff  
July 22-25 in the evening (Time TBD)**

**Dr Bagel's Magnificent Time Machine**

Jeremiah 29:11 (NiV) For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

## Tuckpointing at Calvary

We're trying to raise \$10,000 to pay for the Tuckpointing of the brickwork on the church. Help us meet our goal. Let's fill the thermometer and continue to bring God's word to the people of Leeds and Sioux City.



Iowa District West - Single Adults Retreat  
 Ages 20-40  
 Friday - Sunday, July 19-21  
 Camp IO-DIS-E-CA  
 Cost of the retreat is forthcoming.  
 Register at [faithwinterset.org](http://faithwinterset.org)  
 Dr. Keith Schweitzer, [keithlcms@gmail.com](mailto:keithlcms@gmail.com)  
 641-745-5143

## More Summer Events

**Leeds Parade:** Leeds days is happening on June 7th and we are looking for volunteers young and not so young to walk in the Leeds Day Parade with our float. Meet at Leeds Elementary School at 6:00 pm. If you are interested please call Julie Barto at 712-251-8216.

**LWML:** On July 29th at 6:30 pm LWML will be hosting a night at the Oscar Carl Vineyard. The address is 1473 Buchanan Ave, Sioux City. Call Dee Clausen at 712-251-3674 for more information.

**LWML:** We are looking for volunteers on July 31st to help at the Woodbury County Fair. Call Dee Clausen at 712-251-3674 for information.

## CHRISTIANITY & CULTURE CONFERENCE

2024

JUNE 28 - 29

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO EVANGELISM

Featuring - Rev. Jonathan Fisk & Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz



**CHRIST THE KING**

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
 500 4th Ave SW Spencer, Iowa

This summer, Christ the King, along with area LCMS congregations is hosting a

**DOUBLE SPEAKER EVENT!**

Come to worship with us and learn at this special Friday and Saturday event.