

# The Calvary Call

September 2024

Calvary Lutheran Church 4400 Central St. Sioux City, IA 51108 — 712-239-1575 — www.calvaryleeds.com  
Senior Pastor-Rev. James Travis, Associate Pastor-Rev. Alex Smith

## The Story

The Story is returning to Calvary Sunday September 22 with sermons and Bible Study along with home materials! The Story is an opportunity to read through all the Stories of the Bible in chronological order so that you can have a better understanding of God's plan. If you have never read the Bible all the way through this is a good way to start. For those who have read the Bible through I would recommend using our longer lectionary. Often in church our focus rightly is on the the New Testament and how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament. This

focus sometimes inadvertently causes us to skip some Old Testament Books. What you will find is that all the Old Testament points us to Jesus, even those parts that are read less often. We will read the stories read less often!



## Rally Day - September 8

8 AM - Church

9:15 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Outdoor Church (Courtyard)  
Weather Permitting) Bring your lawn chairs.

11:30 AM- Picnic and Activities - Contact Social Ministry Board

- Picnic-Parish hall and outdoors
- Chicken, potatoes and drinks provided. Bring a side dish.
- Last names-A-L bring hot dish or salad to serve 8-10 people

- Last names-M-Z bring dessert
- There will be a silent auction.
- Please bring donated new items to the church office.



## September Sermon Series:

The following sermons are designed for our 5th-8th grade confirmation classes and their families. However, all members of the church will enjoy hearing the answers to the following questions:

**Sept. 4** - How did we get the Bible? —7 PM (Class 1)

**Sept. 11**—How Reliable is the Bible?—7 PM (Class 2)

**Sept. 18**—What is in the Old Testa-

ment? - 7 PM (Class 3) - Overview of the OT Timeline

**Sept. 25**—What is in the New Testament? 7 PM (Class 4) - Overview of the NT Timeline



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8:00 am &  
10:30 am  
Sunday  
Services  
return  
September 8.

# WNAC

Wednesday Night At Calvary  
Where families grow  
together in faith through  
the study of the Holy  
Scriptures.



**Information Meeting**  
**Wednesday**  
**Aug. 28 @ 6 PM**  
Confirmation



Sun. Youth Group will meet at 9:15 am in the cave beginning Sept. 8.  
Wed. Youth Group will meet at 5:45-6:45 pm with Pastor Alex & Connie Persinger.

## All Ages - Pre-K - Adult Confirmation - 5th - 8th

September Classes - Wednesdays @ 7 PM  
October - April Class Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM



## Upcoming Events

Chili Cookoff coming October 6, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm. Get those recipes ready ladies and gents.

November there will be a lock-in at Calvary. Updates as available.



Rick Book will begin a new Bible study of the Story on October 2, 2024 at 5:30 pm in conference room 2. The book is available for \$6.00.

## Senior Youth Gathering – October 5-6

The registration link is live and can be found on the flyer included in The August Messenger and on our District website.

Cost: \$85 for one night, \$115 for 2 nights

Registration deadline: September 5

Registration Check-in

- Friday night check-in begins at 7pm
- Saturday morning check-in 8 am-9:15 am; Events begin at 9:30 am
- Weekend ends at 11am on Sunday

Call Pastor Alex for Registration  
Information-712-267-0747

## Junior Youth Gathering

October 19-20

Sheraton – West Des Moines

Theme: The Great Exchange - Psalm 51

Focus: Confession and Absolution

Registration information is being mailed and is also located on the District website.

Cost: \$175



## Pastor Travis' Message-Seek First the Kingdom of God

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Bible says, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

Jesus reminds me I can always get better at seeking him first and Doing His righteousness! The first half of the verse is more about my attitude: Am I seeking God's kingdom? Am I requesting God's rule in my prayers? Am I mining God's Word for instructions on Jesus directing me in my life after all He is my king.

So often I find myself being directed by other kings: bills, sports schedules, pressure to be at events for friends and family, my work as a pastor. Other kings are not bad, but are they second? Do I seek them less than I seek God?

The second half of the verse is also tough: "Seek... His righteousness!" What is God's righteousness. Unlike the first half of the verse that deals more with attitude, righteousness deals more with action. Am I seeking living the right way as: being a better husband or wife, being a better neighbor, helping the needy better God's way, etc.?

Seeking to be better is an endless rabbit hole that consumes our life. Pastor how dare you add more to my over committed life! This is where our next 40 weeks reading the "Story" will help us sort out the meat from the fat in our life, the wheat from the chaff.

Seeking first the kingdom, means first slowing down and literally stopping some of our business and starting seeking God first. Then after stopping we restart seeking God's kingdom in all areas of our life. God after all is not opposed to bills, sports, friends and family. In fact he loves all of these and wants us to carry out His righteousness that we learn in His words while we are with them.

Plus, we learn from God's Word to have work/rest balance. The fourth commandment says, "Remember the Sabbath Day by Keeping it Holy." What does this mean? Luther writes, "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching or His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it."

I want to challenge all of you to read just a little more of the Bible this school year. If you have never read the Bible through, I challenge you to pick up a Story Bible and you will read 1/3 of the Bible. If you

have read the Story, I challenge you to read even more, pick up a Bible lectionary and read one, two, or three chapters each day and go through the Bible in 1 to 3 years. You will find this experience rewarding.

If you don't think you have time to read that much simply come to church or join a Bible Class on the Story and hear and dig into the lessons fear each day! There is a plan for almost any schedule. There is one schedule I would not recommend: Putting Jesus kingdom and His righteousness second. The result? Anxiety and worry because you must provide everything without God's help. God's blessings as we all walk together seeking God first. Jesus after all sought you before you even knew Him! He died and rose for you! In Christ,

In Christ,  
Pastor Travis



### Choir and Bells

Choir will meet on Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor Travis at 712-202-8516 if you are interested. No previous experience necessary. Only a willingness to spread God's word through song.



Bells will meet on Sunday Morning at 9:15 am on Sept. 8th. If you are interested in participating call Kim Cale at 712-899-6220.



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## Pastor Alex' Message-The Hourglass of Life

Dear friends in Christ,

Psalm 90, verse 10 tells us that the years of our life are seventy or, by some reason, of strength eighty, yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. I do not mean to be morbid, but we all have a clock on our lives here on this earth. From the moment of our birth to the day of our death, that clock dropped sand slowly but surely. It's a stark reminder of the fleeting nature of life, urging us to reflect and contemplate on our journey. Once it runs out, we can not just flip it over and restart our lives; no we must sleep the sleep of peace until he who will say arise, o sleeper comes with the blast of the trumpet.

Now, you may ask yourself, why is our new associate pastor talking about death in his second newsletter article? Well, I just helped with my first funeral here as a pastor at Calvary this last month. The event that really sparked this, though, was one I had a small hand in putting together. My Grandpa and Grandma Smith celebrate sixty years of marriage this year. As part of their celebration, I asked them if they wanted to do a renewal of vows ceremony. They said that they would be happy to do it, so I sat down with a template and wrote out the necessary things I needed to carry out this ceremony, such as names and how many years in marriage they had spent together. As I stood up there doing the ceremony, I thought the time was flying, and I did not have much left. In the blink of an eye, I'll be a decade into my ministry; I will have done many more baptisms, hopefully some weddings and a few funerals. I am here to guide you in these reflections and to support you in making the most of your time.

In this fleeting life, after a loved one or friend passes away, I have heard it said, "If I only had more time with that person we'd take one last fishing trip, we'd take one last family vacation, I would listen to that story that grandpa likes to tell time and time again when I was a kid. When he would start into it, I would roll my eyes, but by the end, I was a captivated audience sitting on the floor, cherishing every detail and the warmth of those memories.

When a loved one dies, sometimes it feels like a part of you goes with them. In 2025, it will be twenty years since my great-grandpa Harold John Smith

passed away. He and I had a bond that I still cannot explain. I was on H.J.'s lap whenever there was a family gathering. We were inseparable; I will tell you, after his funeral in 2005, it probably took me ten years or so to get through the song on Eagles Wings without crying my eyes out. That song was played at his funeral, and at that time, it felt like I had lost my rock here on earth.

When we mourn the death of a loved one, we do not mourn as others do, as the apostle Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians; But we do not want you to be uninformed brothers about those who have fallen asleep. That you may not grieve as those who have no hope, for since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep, for the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. So, as we watch the sand in our hourglass and in the hourglasses of our loved ones slowly drop until the day when Christ either returns or calls us home, we live our lives in the good graces that God has given us. Live a life that is holy and pleasing to God, and do not worry about how much time is left. For when we see the Lord what a glorious sight it will be.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Alex



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## SIouxLAND LUTHERAN HISPANIC MINISTRY

### Pastor Call Update

The Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Committee has selected a potential candidate for the pastoral position and plans to extend a call to this individual. This decision will be presented for approval to the Hope Lutheran Voters on August 20. We kindly request your prayers during this process.

### Visa for a Dream: Finding True Fulfillment in God's Promise

In 1989, Juan Luis Guerra, a popular singer from the Dominican Republic, recorded a song titled "Visa Para Un Sueño" (Visa for a Dream). The song addresses the challenging process of applying for a visa to enter the USA or another country. The dream it describes is to achieve a better life and escape the repression, poverty, violence, and injustices of one's own country. The lyrics depict the experience of standing in line at 5 a.m., carrying a stack of documents, photographs, and copies required for the visa application. The line moves slowly, the tropical sun beats down, and when one finally reaches the window to present the documents, they are rejected without explanation. This leads to feelings of frustration, anger, and hopeless-

ness. The song resonated in Latin America because it reflected the dreams and despair of many people. Unfortunately, many who obtained a visa and relocated discovered that no place is perfect. Economic problems, violence, illness, and disasters can occur anywhere.

The only true dreams that come to fruition are the desires and goals of God for our well-being, both here and in the hereafter. As Psalm 126:1-3 states: "When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad." Our dreams of a perfect house, job, family, country, or retirement may never come true, but the Lord has done more than we could ask or imagine by bringing us into His family and kingdom through the work of His beloved Son. May the Lord help us to invite others into this very real salvation and "dream relationship with God."

## Why Do We Tell Other People About Jesus? Rev. Steve Schulz

Every Sunday, we rejoice in the forgiveness of sins that our Lord Jesus delivers to us in Word and Sacrament. We celebrate the eternal life that is given to us as a free gift because of the death and resurrection of Jesus. But what if there were no Jesus?

What if there were no Savior who lived a perfect life in your place, as your Substitute? What if there were no Redeemer who bled and died on the cross to take the horrible punishment for all of your sins? What if there were no victorious Lord who rose from the dead to give you a new life with Him that will last forever? What if you had never heard about Jesus?

There are only two kinds of people in this world – those who trust in Jesus and those who trust in something else. Satan doesn't care what the "something else" is, he just doesn't want you trusting in Jesus.

There are millions of people in this world who are trusting in something else that brings them nothing

but doubt and fear, hopelessness and despair. They need Jesus!

That's why we tell other people about Jesus. We tell our children and grandchildren, our friends and our neighbors about Jesus! We send missionaries around the world to tell people about Jesus, because we want them to have what we have! We want them to have the comfort and joy, hope and peace that we have in Jesus. That's what Mission Central is all about. It's all about Jesus! This blessed assurance is ours, so let's share it!

Rev. Steve Schulz, Pastoral Advisor & Assistant to the Director-Mission Central  
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## Lutheran's for Life-Transhumanism

WHEREAS, Scripture clearly states that the Lord God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, created and still preserves all human life (Job 10:12); and WHEREAS, God has authoritatively and intricately knit each as He wills, in the mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-16); and

WHEREAS, Human life, even though marred by the Fall and resulting in sin and death, has a unique and valued place in God's creation (Genesis 9:6; Psalm 8:5); and

WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus Christ sanctified human life by His incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension; and

WHEREAS, God, through His Word and His Spirit, uses even things that the world sees as limitations for His glory and for the good of our neighbor (Romans 8:28; I Corinthians 12:22); and

WHEREAS, God may heal certain diseases or conditions through medicine and technology to ameliorate incapacity and suffering (Jeremiah 8:22; Ecclesiastes 3:3); and

WHEREAS, God has provided His Word to reveal the Christ, to tell us how He gives faith, to give us hope, and to enable us to live lives pleasing to Him (John 5:39; Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 11:1; I Thessalonians 4:1; I Peter 3:15); and

WHEREAS, God has given those baptized into Christ His Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth and comfort them in life and in death (John 16:13; John 14:16); and

WHEREAS, Transhumanism is a mindset and movement that attempts to achieve immortality through human efforts; and

WHEREAS, Transhumanism endeavors to enhance human nature beyond the abilities and function given by God; and

WHEREAS, Transhumanism embodies the Darwinist idea that humans, having evolved from lower forms of life, are therefore capable of evolving into a "master race" with the help of technology and psychology; and

WHEREAS, Transhumanism is based on a subjective view of reality that teaches that humans can be whatever they visualize themselves as being (Genesis 3:5; Genesis 11:4); and

WHEREAS, Transhumanism, as an ideology and a pursuit, represents a faith and doctrine that is incompatible with Christianity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That all in Christ should give thanks to God for all that He provides for our good as ones created, redeemed, and called to be His own; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life recognizes technology as a divine blessing to be used in faith toward Him and love toward the neighbor (examples include the Roman roads that were used to spread the Gospel and the printing press that was used to spread the Reformation); and be it further

RESOLVED, That all in Christ should be wise in the use of all technology so as not give any opportunity to Satan to tempt those in Christ or further his efforts to deceive by imitation of works of God; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life opposes Transhumanism as defined above, as contrary to God's will and encourages all to remain aware of its nature and evil effects, most notably the rejection of the glory and promises of God in Christ; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That all in Christ should not attempt to transcend our God-given human nature and functions, but rather seek to fulfill our God-created purpose.

In Christ,

Pastor James Travis

**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.

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Church Website: [calvaryleeds.com](http://calvaryleeds.com);  
Facebook- <http://www.facebook.com/CalvaryLeeds>

## Worship Assistants for September 2024

### Elders

Sun., Sept. 1, 9:00 am: Joe Osterholt  
Wed., Sept. 4, 7:00 pm: Wayne Guy  
Sun., Sept 8, 8:00 am: Jim Torgerson; 10:30 am: Brian Hickman  
Wed., Sept. 11, 7:00 pm: Tony Valladolid  
Sun., Sept 15, 8:00 am: Denny Barto; 10:30 am: Dave Clausen  
Wed., Sept. 18, 7:00 pm: John Spies  
Sun., Sept. 22, 8:00 am: Dave Clausen; 10:30 am: Volunteer  
Wed., Sept 25, 7:00 pm: Volunteer

### Chancel Guild

Sun., Sept. 1, 9:00 am: Carol Casotti, Julie Cook  
Wed., Sept. 4, 7:00 pm: Terri Guy, Angela Lias  
Sun., Sept 15, 8:00 & 10:30 am: Sharilyn Steck, Rhonda Hageman  
Wed., Sept 18, 7:00 pm: Jenny Burnette, Tammy Rawson  
Sun., Sept. 29, 8:00 & 10:30 am: Diana Lahrs, Julie Kilstrom.

### A New Commandment-Rev. Kevin D. Robson

Christians are called to love and serve their neighbors according to the example of Jesus Christ.

*"[Jesus said,] 'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another'" (John 13:34).*

This issue of *Lutherans Engage the World* highlights the work of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in showing mercy that flows from the Gospel of Christ crucified: care for our neighbor's body and soul in home, congregation and community.

On the night when Jesus was betrayed, the disciples had not yet grasped Christ's mercy in its totality. In the Upper Room, Jesus humbled Himself (again), washed their dirty feet and then told them to serve each other in the same way. They were mystified, but later they would be brought to understand. In His coming, in His ministry and teaching and miracles, in His suffering at the hands of wicked men, in His Father's finally forsaking Him on a cross for your sins, Jesus made it possible for you and every other disciple to gaze intensely upon the very foundation of mercy. He has made it known by His love — which is deeper, broader and fuller than any other love. He fulfills

### Acolytes

Sun., Sept. 1, 9:00 am: Grayson Johnson  
Wed., Sept. 4, 7:00 pm: Brylee Binneboese, Sophee Miller  
Sun., Sept 8, 8:00 am: Volunteer; 10:30 am: Kayden Fetterman  
Wed., Sept, 11, 7:00 pm: Olivia Mogensen, Cheyanne Livermore  
Sun., Sept. 15, 8:00 am: Jayse Anderson; 10:30 am Noah Musselman  
Wed., Sept. 18, 7:00 pm: Savannah Utech, Libertee Junck  
Sun., Sept 20, 8:00 am: Grayson Johnson, Brodyn Powell  
Sun., Sept 25, 7:00 pm: Maddox Hoppe, Brody Hill  
Wed., Sept. 29, 8:00 am: Keiton Rubalcava, Justice Smith



compassionate love. He is love. No longer is it only, "Love your neighbor as yourself." It is, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Jesus loves all sinners — all people — with a love that is not payment for something owed to them. Forgiven in Him as divine gift, they are to love even when they are not indebted to another. Faithful saints bear the fruit that comes from following Him: love by the willful giving of self, a love that withholds nothing. Such love is a distinguishing mark of those who follow Jesus in a disciplined life of faith, joyfully erupting in works of mercy toward others. Division among Christians presents a stumbling block to unbelievers; love and mercy flowing forth from Christians makes unbelievers stop and think. Such love — love that begins and ends with Jesus — strengthens and encourages every member of Christ's Body. By faith, we shall then follow Him, through cross and trial and temptation, to love and show His mercy to our neighbor.

In His hands,  
Rev. Kevin D. Robson Chief Mission Officer, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



## September Birthdays

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*If your birthday is missing or not correct, please call the Church Office at 712-239-1575 and give us the correct information. Thanks and have a great birthday!*

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### Lutherans for Life

May we all faithfully live out our sojourn on this earth, however long it may be, in anticipation of the New Creation, the end of our earthly sorrows, and our final Resurrection of body and soul to live with our Lord in righteousness and purity forever.” *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • 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.



## Finance Secretary's Report

Income Received for July, 2024 \$24,570.00

Envelopes.....	\$24,572.00
Plate.....	274.25
Special Service Donations.....	0.00
Checking Account Interest .....	10.45
<b>YTD Envelope &amp; Plate Total: .....</b>	<b>\$24,856.70</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Nancy Harrison Designated Fund .....	145.00
Birthday Scholarship.....	0.00
Building Fund.....	640.00
Tuckpointing Funf .....	2,000.00
Donut Stop (Donuts).....	29.00
Flowers (Lillies) .....	
Parish Hall Use .....	
Pastor's Special Account.....	
Sunday School Missions.....	
Free Will (Tornado Relief & VBS Offering) .....	340.00
Griefshare.....	0.00
Thrivent.....	0.00
WNAC Pizza/Projects.....	0.00
Youth Activities.....	0.00
<b>Subtotal Designated Funds .....</b>	<b>3,182.00</b>
<b>Total Monthly Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$28,038.70</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	
Week 1.....	\$7,931.00
Week 2.....	5,590.25
Week 3.....	8,690.00
Week 4.....	5,817.00
Week 5.....	
Thrivent Choice.....	0.00
Checking Interest.....	10.45
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$28,038.70</b>
<b>2024 Year-to-Date Total: .....</b>	<b>\$28,038.70</b>

## Grief Share-Fall Cycle Beginning Soon

The daytime group sessions will begin Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 10:30 am to noon. Evening group sessions will begin Thursday, September 12, 2024, 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Each cycle is 13 weeks. There will be no GriefShare the week of Thanksgiving. Bring a friend. Participant exercise books are at no cost (\$20 value) 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 yours.

## Treasurer's Statement of Income & Expense

Unavailable till next month due to shepherd's Staff Upgrade.

## Upcoming Events for Calvary's Women

- September 10  
Deborah Circle 7:00 pm
- September 17  
Ruth Circle 7:00 pm
- September 28  
Iowa West District Fall  
Retreat, Mission Central,  
Mapleton, IA
- October 5  
Sioux City Zone Fall Rally Faith Lutheran  
Church



## Our Church Family

### Baptized

Kaylynn Lewis-8/18/24  
Waylon Lewis-8/18/24  
Julie Anne Vaul-8/16/24



### Released by Request

Alexander Kriech 8/12/24

### Transferred in

Rev Alexander Smith-8/10/24

### Transferred to the Church Triumphant

Paul Johnson-9/28/36-7/30/24

## 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:

Marjorie Doran  
Sue Larson

### Westwood:

Jan Paulson (A Calvary Guest)

### Pioneer Village:

Bonnie Oldaker

### Storm Lake:

Roger & Judy Rentel

### Whispering Creek:

Bel Awe

### Immanuel (Omaha)

Eva Kemp

### Acura Health:

Barbara Kamradt

### At Home:

Bary Betsworth

Mary Lou Broderson

Joe Bruce (Member of a sister church in NE)

Ellen Karrer

Delores Loeb sack

Lois Marquis

Maryrose McDaniel

Barb Schindler

Clair & Linda Thorsen

Richard Will

Bev Williams



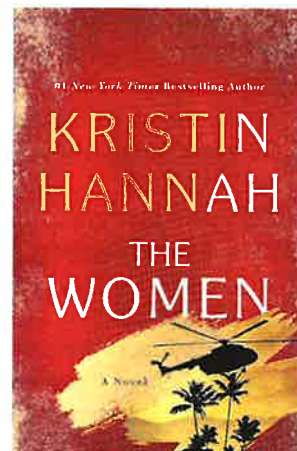
## Membership Class

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.



## Book Club

Book club has begun again. September's book is "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. *The Women* is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.



The Book club will be meeting at Minerva's at 11:30 on September 12th.

It's not too late to read the book and join in on the discussion. And have a great lunch.

## Trustees Corner

Another leak was found in the Parish Hall. It is being investigated by the trustees as to what to do and cost.



# **IWD FALL RETREAT**

**September 28, 2024 registration at 8:30am**

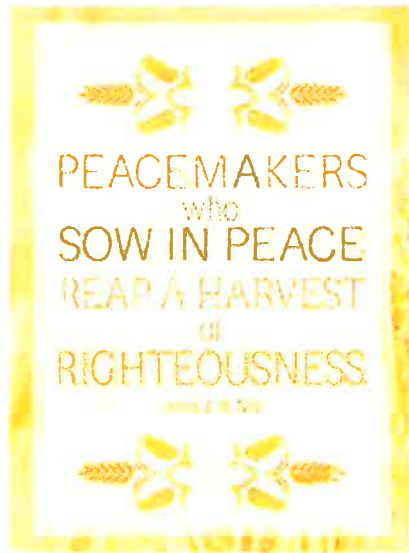
**Misson Central**

**40718 Highway E 16,**

**Mapleton, Iowa 51034**

**Registration at 8:30am program 9:00am-1:30pm**

**We will meet Ashley Lehr, our missionary to Puerto Rico**



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**Registration - Lunch provided Enclose \$15.00 registration fee made payable to IWD LWML - Return the lower portion of this flyer – Mail to Chris Mahnken PO Box 6 Schleswig, IA 51461 Register by September 20, 2024 Please print**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address.** \_\_\_\_\_



Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord 2 Peter 3:18

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***Mark your Calendars!!***

**SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

**CALVARY CHURCH PICNIC & RALLY DAY**

4401 Central Street  
Sioux City, IA 51108 Ph: 712-239-1575

8:00 AM – Indoor Service – The Sanctuary

9:15 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM – Outdoor Worship in Courtyard - (Bring a Lawn Chair)

11:30 AM – Church Picnic in Parish Hall

(Pizza Ranch Broasted Chicken/Ham/Potatoes/Drinks)

*Members are asked to bring a side dish to serve 10-12 people:*

*A-L Hot Dish or Salad / M-Z Dessert*

12:30 PM – KIDS GAMES

12:30 PM - PIE AUCTION - *(Bring your favorite pie to be auctioned off – Rick Book)*

12:30 PM - SILENT AUCTION - *(Silent bidding on donated items)*

*Silent Auction items will be donated by various church members. If you would like to donate an item or items for the silent auction, please bring to the church office with your name for recognition.*

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**Guess the number of Candies in the Candy Jar**

*Closest guess without going over wins the candy jar!*

*(Must be present to win)*



*Need a ride? Call the church office.*

# Reaching out cross country!



## YOU ARE INVITED!

**December 28, 2024 - January 3, 2025**

### WHY go on this mission trip?

- ✓ Be involved in Christian service with a local SoCal community mission - LOT318
- ✓ Act out your faith creatively with the Lutheran Hour Petal Pushers volunteers doing float work
- ✓ Have the opportunity to pull up a chair right on the Rose Parade route down Colorado Blvd
- ✓ Visit Concordia University Irvine – one of our LCMS thriving higher education campuses
- ✓ Meet new friends and strengthen connections
- ✓ Gain new perspectives and utilize your personal gifts and talents
- ✓ Dip your toes in the Pacific Ocean

**“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)**

### WHO can participate?

- minimum age 18 years old (inquire about possible exceptions if needed)

### WHEN is the trip?

- December 28, 2024 – January 3, 2025

### WHAT is the cost?

- \$1800 per person – Includes roundtrip airfare (from Des Moines), 6 days lodging, ground transportation, most meals, and 1 Petal Pusher shirt

### HOW do you register?

- Complete the registration form
- Pay \$100 deposit (check to Iowa District West, memo Pasadena Trip 24-25)
  - This year’s trip is limited to 28 participants
    - Rooms are double occupancy, if you sign up as a single we’ll match you with a roomie
  - Once you have been confirmed that you are on the trip (taken in order of deposit and registration form received), the balance may be paid any time before November 8
    - ❖ Deposits will be returned if they arrive after the trip has been filled

# Registration Form

## IOWAY Petal Pushers trip 2024-25

Please print all information clearly

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ (as it appears on your driver's license/passport)

First Name you usually go by, if different \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date (airline requirement) \_\_\_\_\_ circle: M / F

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home congregation & city \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer a: (please mark **ONE** choice, if you want others, I will provide the link later once registrations are set...Petal Pushers gear must be worn as your outer layer when working on floats)

short sleeve tshirt - size \_\_\_\_\_

long sleeve tshirt - size \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable - IF they get the registered, I'd like to have \_\_\_\_\_ as a roommate.

**Consent: I agree to participate and cooperate with group activities on this IOWAY mission trip.**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this registration form AND  
a check for \$100**

payable to "IDW, memo Pasadena Trip 2024-25" to:

Julie Mann  
1057 N 31<sup>st</sup> Place  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501



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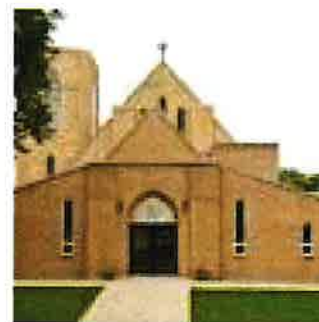
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Calvary received a thank you from Pastor Lowe and the congregation at Trinity Lutheran in Hawarden. With the help of everyone and the donations they will be able to reconstruct the damage the flood caused to the church and parsonage. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and may your generosity inspire other to follow in your footsteps.



### **English Second Language Classes Start!** -

We begin October 2 at 5:45 PM to help those who do not know how to read, write, or speak English to learn. We are focusing on Spanish speakers. We need volunteers to help teach or simply to help. You do not need to be bilingual to help. Contact who: Jule Barto 712-251-8216. Our meeting is September 11 at 5:30 PM to learn more.

