



2508 Washington Ave SW  
Bemidji, MN 56601

# Homecoming Sunday!

OCTOBER 3

Come and worship on Sunday, October 3 for Homecoming Sunday! You are invited to worship with us by:

- Gathering in person at 8:30 & 10:00 am (masks are encouraged)
- Gathering in real time through the livestream at 8:30 & 10:00 am, where you will be able to interact with one of the Calvary worship leaders
- Going to Calvary's website ([calvarybemidji.org](http://calvarybemidji.org)) and clicking the *Let's Worship!* button

During worship we will hear the Bible Story of Moses and the burning bush. Moses has been asked by God to do a very important and HARD job - to get God's people out of slavery in Egypt and bring them back HOME! As we come back home to Calvary after being in our own exile due to COVID-19, we are invited to reengage with a variety of ministry opportunities. During worship, we will begin the process of pledging both our time and talents as well as our financial gifts to support the ministry of the church.

At 9:30, please gather in the fellowship hall for a ministry fair featuring Calvary's fall programming opportunities as well as meet some of our second offering ministry partners who would love to have you partner with their mission goals! Fall programming begins on **Wednesday, October 6**, so don't delay signing up to be a participant or a volunteer! Registration forms (for Sunday School; Kingdom Kids, confirmation, CLUB, adult education, prayer chain, home communion, funeral team, altar guild, and so much more!!) will be available on **Calvary's website** on the **ministries page**. Come home and worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!

***"So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." Exodus 3:10***

## Welcome Lizzy Wadena

We have a new member of our ministry programming team! Lizzy will be working with our elementary programs, Kingdom Kids, and Sunday School. Lizzy grew up in Bemidji, is a graduate of BHS, and is currently enrolled as an online student at the University of Minnesota, Morris.



She is a lifelong member of Calvary where she was baptized and confirmed. While in elementary school, she was involved in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Kingdom Kids. As a high schooler, Lizzy was blessed with opportunities to be involved in all three of these programs again by volunteering and leading small groups. She also took part in the praise team, CLUB, retreats, and mission trips. Lizzy looks forward to sharing her gifts and talents with the elementary age children at Calvary while showing God's love and teachings.

## Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids is our Wednesday after school program for students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. This program was not offered last school year due to COVID, so we are excited to get this awesome program running again. We will begin our first session Wednesday, October 6. If you have a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade student who is interested in Kingdom Kids, please let us know! We will have a table at the Ministry Fair (Sunday, October 3) for families to get more information and register. Information and registration will also be available on the [Kingdom Kids webpage](#).

## Sunday School

Students in grades Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> are invited to join us for Sunday school. Sundays after the children's message, at either the 8:30 or 10:00 am service our K-3 students will head back to rooms 12 and 13 for a time of fun activities. After worship parents will pick up their children and head home. There will be a sign in and out sheet for parents to fill out each week your child attends Sunday school.

## First Communion Milestone

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 5:30 PM - TRAINING**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 - FIRST COMMUNION**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parents are invited to join us Wednesday, October 27 for first communion instruction! We will gather in the fellowship hall after Kingdom Kids at 5:30 pm and learn together about the Sacrament of Holy Communion! 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will then receive their first communion as part of worship on Sunday, October 31 (Reformation Sunday) at the 8:30 or 10:00 am services. More information and registrations will be emailed and mailed to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families. Please contact Kim Warren ([kwarren@calvarybemidji.org](mailto:kwarren@calvarybemidji.org)) in the church office with questions.

## Preschool Director Retiring

With almost 20 years at Calvary, Joan Meulebroeck has announced her retirement. Please [click here](#) to view the full letter. Calvary is now entering into the process of hiring a new Preschool Director, if you or anyone you know is interested in this opportunity, please let us know or [click here](#) for job description.

## Confirmation

We begin another year of confirmation ministry with orientation and registration Wednesday, October 6 after worship! 6<sup>th</sup> graders with their parents and any new 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade families are invited to attend orientation in-person in the Sanctuary. All returning confirmation families and those that can't attend in-person can join us via livestream or watch later. Those attending in-person will register following orientation and forms will be posted online and emailed to those not attending.

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

In the presence of their families, 28 9<sup>th</sup> graders were confirmed on Sunday, September 26! Our 2021 confirmation class is pictured below.



## High School CLUB

I am very excited to share that CLUB has officially begun for the year! We had a kickoff bonfire on Wednesday, September 22 at Eric & Nicholle Bieberdorf's home, and it was so great to start meeting some of the youth at Calvary and talk about our hopes for the coming year. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our first "official" night of Club programming at Calvary – featuring a bonfire and a conversation about our identity in Christ. I'm looking forward to all the conversations and activities to come this year. If you have any questions or would like to be added to our group chat for further updates, text or call me at 641-590-2628. Peace, Vicar Jami

## Let's Study the Psalms Together

### SUNDAYS BETWEEN SERVICES

Almost everyone has a favorite Psalm, and we read them regularly during worship. Yet they seem seldom to be used as a sermon text or for a group study. Here are some possible reasons why.

1. They were written to be sung, not studied?
2. There are too many (150) and we'd never get through?
3. The more than a dozen themes are scattered randomly through the whole group?
4. Some of them don't sound very Christian?
5. They are poetry and I prefer prose?
6. Other?

Yet many church leaders, including Martin Luther, have regarded Psalms as their favorite book. Countless believers have found them to be inspiration for their daily lives. And despite their being written centuries ago, they are surprisingly contemporary.

So, let's meet with Ron Gladen in Room 5 between services to look at this remarkable collection, beginning October 10.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERING MINISTRY PARTNER ~ LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

One of Calvary's main ministry partners is Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) of Bemidji, housed in the Lutheran Campus Center at 1221 Birchmont Dr. NE, at the south end of BSU's campus. LCM is a vital outreach of our church, as it establishes supportive relationships with and genuine hospitality for young adults during their college years. Pastor Emily Papke-Larson serves both the BSU and Northwest Technical College communities, providing worship opportunities and connecting students with local churches in fellowship.



Pastor Emily will be visiting us in October to talk about LCM's new worshipping community, A Community Called Grace, which strives to provide meaningful, engaging faith-life and worship. LCM is our October second offering partner - please help support this important ministry we share. You can donate using Rebel Give, or by writing a check to Calvary Lutheran with "second offering" in the memo line. Thank you again for supporting the work of the larger church!

### *A Community Called Grace*

Lutheran Campus Ministry, our second offering ministry wants to invite you to join A Community Called Grace, which strives to provide meaningful, engaging faith-life and worship! Here are a couple of ways you can get involved with this group. *Pints of Grace - Pub Theology* will be meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursdays, October 21, November 18, and December 16 located at Bemidji Brewing. Fall Book Study *Native Identity, Belonging & Rediscovering God* by Kaitlin B Curtice. This is a 5-week study, beginning Wednesday, October 13 at 6:45 pm. Meeting in person at First Lutheran Church or via Zoom. For more information please visit [facebook.com/CommunityCalledGrace](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityCalledGrace) or email [communitycalledgrace@gmail.com](mailto:communitycalledgrace@gmail.com).

### *New Member Welcome*

God continues to enrich the church by bringing new people into congregations! If you, a friend, or neighbor is interested in joining Calvary in membership, simply come to a one-time orientation session or arrange for a meeting with a pastor. After, they participate in a new member worship service at which they affirm their faith in God and become part of this faith fellowship. Our next New Member Orientation will be held on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 pm. Calvary will be welcoming new members during worship at both services on Sunday, October 24 and Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm. Please contact Kim Warren in Calvary's office if you would like more information or are interested in membership at Calvary.

### *Theology Club*

Theology Club will be brainstorming and discussing ideas of the club's direction headed into our fall & winter sessions at our next meeting on Thursday, October 14 from 7-8:30pm. Contact Becky Bergquist at [bergquistbecky@gmail.com](mailto:bergquistbecky@gmail.com) or Cell 218-760-2996 if you are interested in joining or learning more. We would love to hear your ideas!

*See Calvary's October Birthdays Here!*

[View this newsletter on the web and follow this link to see who to wish a happy birthday this month!](#)

### *A Message from the Calvary Quilters*

We are a small group of ladies doing what we love, quilting and giving to those in need in our community and the Lutheran World Relief. We meet on Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:45 am. Please feel free to join us.

Our tops are made of quilting cotton donated by many and sewn by a few in the quilt group. Our backings are flat sheets donated or bought using Thrivent Grants. Calvary purchases batting using money donated to the quilters.

While we appreciate your donations, we are a small group and sorting fabric takes time from quilting. The decision of what to do with the items we cannot use is hard and a lot goes into the garbage as we have no outlet for other types of fabrics.

We appreciate clean, flat sheets (prefer color) in good condition. We prefer cotton fabric in larger pieces. Please, no knits, velvet, silk, fitted sheets, or pillowcases. If you have sets of sheets, consider donating to Village of Hope or Churches United. Our storage area is very small and we try to keep it full of quilts. Please do not drop off items for quilters at the church. If you have donations or questions, contact Nicki Lemmer at 751-3275 or Deb Bartz at 751-7611. They will answer your questions and make arrangements to get your donations. Thank you from the Calvary Quilters!

### *John Eggers Devotional*

After seven years in Bible Study 1, we have gone through the entire Bible (Genesis to Revelation) with 380 some lessons. We are starting again with the Book of Genesis and in seven more years we should finish the second time through. Everyone is welcome to join this online journey by reading our weekly E-News.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**12 MONTH FISCAL YEAR – AUGUST 2021-JULY 2022**

<u>August</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$75,030	\$75,030	\$61,102	\$61,102
<small>(General Income Y-T-D Includes Grants of \$8,500)</small>				
<b>Cash, Receivables, &amp; Savings:</b>			\$411,538	
<b>August Ministry Partner: Gideons</b>			\$1,021	
<b>Calvary Foundation Balance:</b>			\$47,806	

*Offering needed each week to support the budget is \$15,000.*

## Getting to Know Council-at-Large Member, Len Ochowicz

Hello, my name is Len Ochowicz. My wife Kathie and I relocated to Bemidji in July 2020 to be near our youngest daughter, Erin, and her family. She came here to attend nursing classes at BSU years ago, met a young man, and has been in this area since! Erin has three siblings with families of their own Jason, Jaime, and Adam. Our four children have blessed us with 13 grandchildren. We are both retired, actively involved in church, and have been together for 48 years.



I am excited to be part of the church council and look forward to working with everyone in contributing our gifts as we work together with the leadership of Calvary to do God's work in this community in various and exciting ways. It is good to observe the reactions of congregation members as we return to in person worship after the isolation of the pandemic influence of last year. We have a big task ahead as we rethink Calvary's ministry in the days and weeks ahead. I hope you will consider being a part of this discussion by participating in a 9-week podcast series of *Becoming A Hybrid Church* that began on September 9. You can listen to the podcast by visiting Calvary's website and scrolling to the bottom of the page. There you will find links to our podcast channels. This will be followed with a discussion opportunity to share your thoughts on Wednesday's after worship via zoom. Please register for the zoom conversation on our **website** as well, or speak with any council member at any time. You are blessed to have a strong leadership team and they need to hear your voice.

thank you



*Thank you so much for the thoughtful and generous anniversary gifts!  
With love, Pastor Genelle*

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