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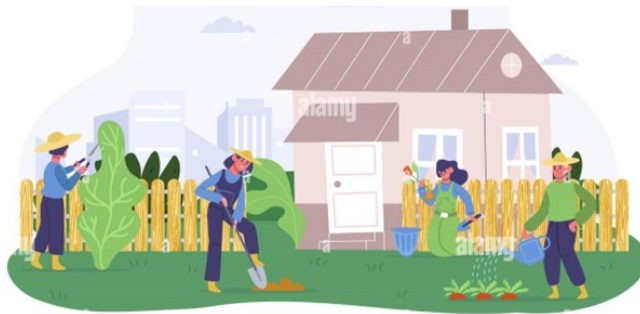
Talk to the church office about becoming a Reader in Worship.

Talk to an Elder about becoming an Usher at either service.

Volunteer to be a song leader at our 10:30 am Sunday service.

Sunday Morning treats – Volunteers needed to host at Sunday morning coffee time.
A sign up sheet is on the pillar in the fellowship hall.

Altar Flowers – Needed: Individuals to sign up to place flowers for the altar or to donate to the “Flower Fund.” Check out the flower chart on the pillar in the fellowship hall.



Volunteers are needed to maintain our landscape each year. Weeding flower beds, mowing lawn and watering flowers when needed. **Please check out the map on the pillar to see what flower bed you would like to help keep looking nice.** If you are willing to help with any of those outside activities, please contact the Board of Property. Terry Pauling, Board Chairman. 515.249.9192

Lawn Mowers in May

Week of May 3 - Andy Bakke

Week of May 10 - John Queck

Week of May 17 - Steve Smith

Week of May 24 - Ed Chapman

Week of May 31 - Augie Wright



Stewardship

Giving with Purpose

Giving is an important part of our lives as Christians. Giving expresses our love and trust in the Lord. Our giving reflects God's character. It is a response to His grace in our lives. Giving is an act of worship and obedience. Faith prompts us to give with purpose to express our gratitude for all of God's blessings and gifts, to help those in need, to support His Church, and expand His kingdom.

When we give with purpose, we are giving planned, thoughtful, heart-motivated gifts that reflect God's generosity to us. A person who does not have a plan and purpose for giving would be someone who, minutes before the offering is received in Divine Worship, decides what he or she can spare to give. Giving with purpose is not a haphazard or impulsive act. It is not giving leftovers. It is a deliberate act of stewardship.

Let's focus on the prepositions "from" and "to." These two prepositions will be helpful to understand the motivation for our giving. We are giving with purpose when we give "from" all the blessings God gives to us. Every day, God gives us His love, grace, and mercy. Through faith, we know that all we are and have are gifts from Him. He provides for our daily food, shelter, and clothing. He has not only created us, but He has also redeemed us through His Son, Jesus. We give "from" hearts filled with thanks and gratitude for all that God has done and continues to do for us. *"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"* (Psalm 107:1). Our motivation to give "from" what God gives to us should inspire each of us to give regularly and generously with purpose.

The other preposition "to" also encourages giving with purpose. God's Word is clear that we are to give "to" the poor and those in need. *"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed"* (Proverbs 19:17). In the words of James, we are to provide support for the *"orphans and widows"* (James 1:27). God wants us to give with purpose "to" our churches to support the sharing of the gospel with all people. *"In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel."* (1 Corinthians 9:14). God works and gives through us "to" help the poor, support His Church, and extend His kingdom.

May God help each of us give generously with purpose "from" our blessings that He entrusts to us and "to" the needs that He places in our hearts so that God is honored through our giving.

Remembering Our Shut-in Members

As members of Christ's Church, we are joined together as one body. When one member is absent, the body feels it. Some among us are no longer always able to gather regularly for worship due to age, illness, or limited mobility. Though they may sometimes be absent from our pews, they remain fully part of this congregation and are never absent from the Lord's care.

Here is our current list of shut-in members and friends of our congregation:

- **Marilyn Perry** – Westview Care Center
- **Harriet Herold** – Good Samaritan
- **Betty Nelson** – Vintage Hills
- **Liz Winjum** – Vintage Hills
- **Joan VanDiepen** – Currently at home
- Joan Parker - Carlisle Care Center

If you are aware of anyone who should be added to this list, please contact the church office so we may continue to care for all our members faithfully.

Our Christian Calling

Visiting the shut-ins of our congregation is not done out of obligation or to earn God's favor. Rather, it flows from the love we have first received in Christ. In our various vocations—as friends in Christ—we are given the privilege of caring for one another.

When we visit, we bring more than conversation. We bring Christ's presence through His Word, prayer, and the fellowship of believers. These simple acts are a great source of comfort and encouragement, both for those who are visited and for those who visit.

As our Lord says: *"I was sick and you visited Me."* — **Matthew 25:36**

Through these visits, we share in what Luther called the **mutual consolation of the saints**, reminding one another of God's promises, the forgiveness we have in Christ, and the sure hope of the resurrection.

We thank God that many of our members—even well into their later years—are still able to attend worship regularly. This is truly a blessing, and we praise the Lord for it. At the same time, we remember with love those who cannot, trusting that the Good Shepherd never forgets His sheep.

May God bless our congregation as we continue to care for one another in Christ.

Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church—A Caring Family Sharing CHRIST.



Online Giving

So many people in our community have moved away from writing checks to pay bills and are now using debit cards, credit cards, apple pay, google pay, well the list seems endless.

Each year more congregational members choose to use online options to submit offerings to Mt. Calvary instead of writing checks and placing them in the offering plate on Sunday.

Our congregation subscribes to Church Spring which provides us with programs to create a website that is used to inform the public who we are and when we worship.

Included with that subscription is an option to "Give" online.

So how can you, as our members, utilize this option?

One method is to visit our website at www.mt-calvary.com, then look for the "GIVE" button in the upper right corner of the home page. Click on this button to open the online options.

1. The first screen provides the option for one-time giving by including your name and email address, then choosing an amount along with designating how to use your gift.
2. If you would rather set up giving options that are recurring, then you will need to create an Online account. Select the "Sign In" link to create an online account.

Tell Us About Yourself, or [Sign In](#) to Give ®

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Your Email Required	
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For those who prefer to use their smartphone, you can use the QR code to navigate to the "Give" page. We have placed a card in the pews with the QR code so you can use it while you are waiting for worship service to begin or take a picture and save it for use at home.





This year for our Easter Breakfast we had a potluck breakfast!
Good food and great fellowship was enjoyed by all!!



From the Discipleship

We just wanted to give a quick update to the events that have happened and events coming up. The team has been working hard this 1st Quarter. We got together with a few members and made pies and noodles in Feb. We made 14 pies and enough noodles for anyone wanting to take some home and for the turkey noodle dinner. The turkey noodle dinner was a great success. We had 45 members participate and 48 meals went out to people that are shut in for the winter or needed a friendly face. Thank You to everyone that helped with this. God has Blessed us with the ability to share his Blessings with others.

Up Coming Events

Once again, this summer we are hosting Summer Meals in the Park. Many of you who work in schools or with the community see Food Insecurity is a very real thing. We are blessed with both the help and financial aid of this congregation to help the community. Not only with meals but also for the social aspect for many. The meals will be Wed. Eve 5:30-7 at Moats Park June 3rd – Aug 19th. During this time, we will be asking for help, taking the meal to the park, setting up, serving, and cleaning up. We will also be asking for donations of certain food items. If anyone would like to help with the planning, our April meeting is April 6th at 6 P.M..

June 7th Semi Annual Congregation Meeting and Fishing

The Pond is ready to be fished. The older youth will be helping the younger youth fish during the meeting. This is a free fishing weekend. No one needs a license. We will be providing bait and poles to everyone that needs one that weekend. We will be doing a Potluck for the Meal. We will have a signup for entrees and salads and fishing poles.

Any Question contact JoAnn or Ed Chapman, djchapman@chapmanhome.tech or JoAnn at 515-250-3847

Praise and Thank You to our God who gives us many blessings to be able to carry out his work.

The Discipleship Team

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

Minutes from March meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Tague at 6:08pm.

Present: Ken Tague, Pastor Vanderbilt, Mary Barkley, Jake Hermanson, Linda Norton, Ed & JoAnn Chapman, Jen Olson, Natasha Cooper, Terry Pauling

Pastor led the council in prayer.

A motion to approve the January and February minutes was offered by Jake, with second by Mary. Motion Carried with Unanimous voice vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor discussed options for a new spiritual leadership model. The aim is to keep spiritual leadership distinct from administrative management, while aligning all boards/teams to discipleship, outreach and stewardship outcomes. Refer to the attached "Governance Models That Fit Your Vision" memo that was used to explain three options.

Financial Report: After review of the February Financial Report, a motion to approve the February Financial Report was offered by Jake, with a second by Mary. Motion Carried with Unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: After review of the P&L, Summary of Position and Specials reports, a motion to approve was offered by Jake, with a second by Linda. Motion Carried with Unanimous voice vote.

Board Reports	Education - No Report
	Evangelism - No Report
	Stewardship - No Report
	Discipleship: No report.
	Worship: See attached report.
	Youth: See attached report.
	Records: See attached report.
	Property: See attached report

Old Business

1. Pastor updated the Council on progress with the vision "Bridging the Gap". See attached report.
2. Mary asked the council for advice on conducting a financial review for the church. After discussion, a motion was offered by Jake, with a second from Natasha, to complete a financial review using CPH financial checklists and present the findings to the Council at the May Council meeting. Motion Carried with Unanimous voice vote.

New Business

1. The June Congregational meeting will be held on June 7th. Agenda items for the meeting were requested and elections will be held for the following Boards: Treasurer, Financial, Evangelism, Discipleship, Youth, Property
2. The annual meeting of Camp Okoboji is scheduled for April 11th at the camp. A motion was offered by Jake, with second by Natasha to designate Terry Pauling as Mt. Calvary's 2026 representative to the Camp. Motion Carried with Unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm with a motion by Terry and seconded by Mary. Motion Carried with Unanimous voice vote.

The meeting ended with all joining in The Lord's Prayer.
Submitted by Terry Pauling



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Midweek Meal
April 22 midweek meal, was hosted by Ian Wilde and his Fraternity. Ian is a Simpson College student, who has been attending worship services here at Mt. Calvary. A Big Thank You to Ian and his fraternity for hosting the meal..

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Date	Accolytes	Greeters	Ushers	Elders	Readers	
3-May	E: William Griffith, Sr.	Jo Pulse & Jean Schroeder	Steve Roush & Andy Bakke	Steve Smith	Melinda Grimm	
	L: Eric Loux	Dave & Judy Zwanziger	Becky Hammar & Anita Blonigan	Jake Hermanson	Bill Engel	
10-May	E: Sophie Cormeny	Brad & Nancy Rodemeyer	Mark & Diane Johnson	Brad Rodemeyer	Caroline Koenig	
	L: Anna Sickels	Julie Jordan	Kyle Wiese &	Dave Jordan	Jill Sickels	
14-May	Ascension Day Thursday evening service					Ascension Day
14-May	William Griffith, Sr.	Michelle Meyer	Terry Pauling			
17-May	E: Zane & Finn Koenig	Steve & Karla Roush	Paul Ophus & Bill Sponsler	David Cooper	Jeret Koenig	
	L: Eric Loux	Kyle & Lisa Wiese	Kraig & Julie Daugherty	Mike Oeffner	Erin DeJong	
24-May	E: Kade & Kori Roan	Mark & Diane Johnson	Slade & Hunter Koenig	Steve Smith	Linda Norton	
	L: Jocelyn Cawthorn	Nancy Hauge	Steve Hauge &	Jake Hermanson	Charlotte Weaklend	
31-May	Sophie & Penny Helgeson	Barb Gould & Marilyn Groth	Bud Bohannon & Jerry Ohnemus	Brad Rodemeyer	Terry Pauling	
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7-Jun	E: Blake & Gia Bingham	M. Meyer & L. Norton	Steve Roush & Terry Pauling	David Cooper	Jean Schroeder	
	L: Kira Cawthorn	Dave & Judy Zwanziger	Becky Hammar & Anita Blonigan	Mike Oeffner	Jill Sickels	
Thank you for serving. If you are unable to serve please find someone who can!						

May 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2 10:00am Fellowship Hall reserved Derrickson
3 8:00am Traditional 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class 10:30am Blended	4 12:00pm Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Worship Board 6:00pm Discipleship	5 9:00am Textile Tuesday	6 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6:00pm L.I.F.E. Classes -end of the year celebration	7 6:30pm Thursday Bible Class	8	9
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17 8:00am Traditional 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class 10:30am Blended	18 12:00pm Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	19 9:00am Textile Tuesday	20	21	22	23
24 8:00am Traditional 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class 10:30am Blended	25 MEMORIAL DAY 6:00pm Elders Meeting	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:15am ONE SERVICE combined 10:15am Elder 10:30am Mock Family	Jun 1	2	3	4	5	6