

CALVARY LUTHERAN CALENDAR/NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Sunday Worship-In Person and on Facebook

November 2	Worship/Communion	9:00AM
November 9	Worship	9:00AM
November 16	Worship/Communion	9:00AM
November 23	Worship	9:00AM
November 30	Worship/Communion	9:00 AM

Readers-

November 2- Linda Eckman
November 9- Darla Meyer
November 16- Confirmation Class
November 23- Craig Myers
November 30- Gilbert Wells

Altar Guild-

November 2- Myers Family
November 9- Sandra Kempter
November 16- Eckman Family
November 23- Sandra Kempter
November 30- Eckman Family

Fellowship-

Colby and Alex Mangler

Food Pantry

November 8th 9:00-10:30 AM
No Thursday Food Pantry

Church Council Meeting

November 10th 6:30 PM

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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday School

Every Sunday 10 AM

Confirmation

Every Friday 3:15- 4:15 PM

Church Events

November 1- Sabula Halloween - Volunteers Needed!
November 9- Sterling Manger Baptism, Honoring Veterans
November 16- Confirmation Class Hosting Church Service
November 30- Thanksgiving Day Service, Potluck Following

Community Events

October 21- November 25- Every Tuesday 5:30-7, Grief
Support Group at Hospice of Jackson County Office
Every Sunday- Bingo at the VFW 1-4 PM
November 2- Elvira Zion Lutheran Church Fall Supper 3-7 PM
November 15- Sabula Ambulance Soup Supper 4-7 PM
November 21- St. Johns Lutheran Church Bingo, 6 PM
November 29- Faith Lutheran Church Fall Supper 3-7 PM



Greetings Calvary Family,

Another month has flown by, and with the holidays approaching, we know this time of year seems to go by even faster!

First, I want to extend a big thank you to Linda Eckman for filling in for me on October 5th. Writing a sermon is no small task – it takes research, reflection, and guidance from the Holy Spirit to share the message God wants for His people. Linda did a wonderful job delivering a relatable message. If you missed it, her service is available on our YouTube page.

We are also thrilled to have Dianne back at the organ! We have proven that we can still worship and praise God through song even without an organist in person, but it is truly a treat to have her back leading our music.

Confirmation Class for our 7th and 8th graders meets on Fridays at 3:15 p.m. Our discussions have been lively and thoughtful, covering questions like, “Is God male?”, “Why are there so many versions of the Bible?”, and “Faith vs. Fact.” These conversations give our students a platform to explore their own faith and form personal convictions. It has been a joy to learn alongside them. Mark your calendars – our confirmation students will be hosting the service on **November 16th!**

We are thrilled to share that our first **Noisy Offering** on Sunday, October 26, 2025, was a huge success! The event was joyful, lively, and, yes – delightfully noisy! I don’t know who smiled more, the kiddos or the adults in the congregation. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make worship fun and engaging for our youth. Noisy Offering is a wonderful way for children to actively take part in worship, and we can’t wait to do it again on weeks when we do not have communion. Our next **Noisy Offering** will be on **Sunday, November 9.** (Remember – coins make the best noise! We’re looking for pennies, nickels, dimes, and anything else that jingles. No \$100 bills, please... but gold bricks are still welcome 😊!)

Halloween Bash: Mark your calendars! On **November 1, 2025**, Calvary Lutheran will host Sabula’s Trick or Treat Bash from 3–6 p.m. This is one of our biggest opportunities to connect with the youth in our community and show them that the church is a safe, loving, family-filled space. To make this event successful, we need volunteers – bakers to provide treats, friendly faces at the counter, helpers for game stations, and more! If you’d like to help, please reach out to me. For those who live in town and want to hand out treats at home, we’ll also need volunteers for setup on Saturday at 9a.m. and 1:30pm.

Thanksgiving Day Service: We are excited to invite you to our Thanksgiving Day Service on **November 30**, followed by a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share as we give thanks together for God's abundant blessings.

School Update: I have submitted three assignments and am waiting for two of them to be graded before moving on to the fourth, to make sure I'm on the right track. I passed my first assignment, with feedback to take longer pauses during my sermon so you, the congregation, have time to soak in the words I've shared. Please let me know how I'm doing on this goal throughout the month of November.

Blessing Box and Coat Closet: Both are open and ready for donations! We've recently added shoes to the Coat Closet, so if you have coats, hats, gloves, scarves, snow pants, or shoes you no longer need, please consider donating them. Your generosity blesses our neighbors in tangible ways.

Student Blessing Update:

This past week, I had the joy of inviting two Easton Valley football players to be blessed by our congregation. To some, a football game may seem like just another event on the calendar, but to these young men, it carries a weight only they can feel. My hope was simple: that they would leave knowing they are supported by their faith community and, most importantly, that their worth comes from our Lord, not a scoreboard. I also wanted to encourage them to lean on God for guidance and strength, a lesson that will serve them long after the final whistle.

Many people asked about my son, Aidan, and whether he would invite me to pray with his team or lead a prayer himself. In a picture-perfect world, I would love to hear him say, "Mom, send me a prayer. I want to lead my team with God's love." But Aidan is on his own faith journey, and as a sophomore, he currently wants those moments of prayer for himself. That's okay. As he continues to grow in his relationship with God, that may change and when it does, our congregation will be here to support him. I shared a story of a mom from Pennsylvania who inspired me: during week 1 of her son's football season, he walked to the end zone, got on one knee, and prayed. Alone. By week 2, four more players joined him. Week 3, three more. By week 8, the entire team was on their knees, praying together. The mom captioned the video: "On and off the field, they now know how to really fight battles."

Aidan has grown up knowing the Lord, but for Kinnik, this is just the beginning of his journey with our Lord and Savior. Knowing he has Calvary cheering him on and supporting him as he explores his faith has planted a seed. A seed of encouragement, love, and trust in God that will continue to grow.

If you have youth in your life with big events coming up, please let me know and invite them to church. Our young people need to feel the strength of our support in all areas of life, big or small.

Prayer for November

Gracious and loving God,

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, we give thanks for Your faithfulness in every season. Bless our homes, our families, and our church community, and help us to share Your love with all we meet.

Guide our youth, inspire their curiosity, and strengthen their faith. Give all of us courage to live boldly in Your ways, and hearts that are open to Your Spirit.

We lift up our farmers. Bless the work of their hands, protect their fields and livestock, and provide for their needs so that our community may be nourished and thriving.

As the holidays approach, remind us that even when our own families are far or life feels busy, there is always a family here at Calvary to share laughter, love, and faith. Help us to celebrate together and reflect Your love in every gathering.

Bring peace to our world, comfort to those in need, and hope to all who are struggling. Remind us that even as the seasons change, Your love remains constant, and may we shine that love in everything we do.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior,

Amen.

Keep your hearts happy, your hands busy, and your faith full of fun!

Carrington Wells, SAM

CALVARY LUTHERAN MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

2nd Saturdays 9:00-10:30 AM 4th Thursdays 5:30-6:30 PM

Families are eligible to attend food pantry services twice each month

Calvary Lutheran Mobile Pantry Services serves the following towns in Iowa: Andover, Green Island, Hauntown, Miles, Preston, Sabula, Spragueville, and Teeds Grove

November 2025 Dates

Saturday, November 8th 9:00-10:30 AM
No Thursday Food Pantry

December 2025 Dates

Saturday, December 13th 9:00-10:30 AM
No Thursday Food Pantry

**Watch Calvary Lutheran Church Facebook page
for announcements and updates**

If anyone would like to help with Food Pantry Truck Deliveries at 2:00 PM on the Thursdays before the 2nd Saturday or on the 4th Thursdays, or with the distributions to our patrons, even if you can only help occasionally, please give your contact information to Cindy Myers at cinmyers27@gmail.com or (563)249-1937.

