

CALVARY LUTHERAN CALENDAR/NEWSLETTER

March 2026

Sunday Worship-In Person and on Facebook

March 1 st	Worship/Communion	9:00AM
March 8 th	Worship	9:00AM
March 15 th	Worship/Communion	9:00AM
March 22 nd	Worship	9:00AM
March 29 th	Worship	9:00AM

Readers-

March 1st- William Giddings

March 8th- Chrystal House

March 15th- Angie Marburger

March 22nd - Abbie Koch

March 29th - Barb Marburger

Fellowship-

Jody Mangler

Altar Guild-

Jody Mangler



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Food Pantry

March 14^h, 9:00-10:30 AM
March 26th, 5:30-6:30 PM

Church Council Meeting

March 9th 6:30 PM

Sunday School

Every Sunday 10 AM

Confirmation

Every Friday 3PM

Church Events

Lent Services - Every Wednesday 6PM

Community Events

March 8th - Daylight Savings

March 25th, 5:00-5:45 PM - First Communion Class

April 5th, 6:00 AM - Sunrise Service

9:00 Easter Service (Breakfast will be served before service.)



Hello Calvary Family,

I hope everyone is starting to see a few hints of spring peeking through these cold Iowa days. As we move into March, we continue our Lenten journey, walking with Jesus toward the cross and toward the promise of Easter morning. Lent is a gentle invitation to slow down, to pray a little more, to listen a little closer, and to care for one another as the family of God here in Sabula.

Lenten Services

Our midweek Lenten services continue every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. through Maundy Thursday. These quiet evenings are a chance to pause together, sing, pray, and remember that none of us walks this road alone.

This Lent we are also doing something extra special: **daily devotionals** that follow Jesus from Baptism to the Cross. They are read by members of our Calvary family and shared on Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, and our website. It has been such a joy hearing familiar voices sharing faith with our community. If you haven't listened yet, jump in anytime!

Thank You!

I want to say a big thank-you to Craig for leading worship while I was away, and to Pastor Katie from Faith Lutheran for providing Funeral Coverage. I may look like I have it all together, but I promise I don't. A little sunshine and quiet time with Gilbert was something my soul really needed.

Serving this congregation is one of the greatest blessings of my life. Thank you for the birthday wishes I opened and listened to on the beach, for your support, and for always giving me the grace to rest when needed.

Offering Updates

Each month we have special offerings that help us live out our faith in real ways:

- **First Sunday – Disaster Relief Sunday** Helping neighbors far beyond our walls.
- **Noisy Offering** on non-communion Sundays (2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays)

Supporting our Blessing Box and giving our kids a visible role in worship.

When our youth help lead, they learn that church isn't just a place they attend, it's a place where they belong and serve. That's how faith grows.

Schooling Update

I am continuing through Module 3 of the TEEM program, with my CPW course on Monday evenings. This class is helping me grow in pastoral care and also reminding me about healthy self-care. I'm learning a lot and am grateful for the support of fellow students and mentors.

A Call for Visiting Volunteers

One place I truly need help is visiting our shut-ins, members who can't be with us physically but are still such an important part of Calvary.

Because of contracted hours, two services a week, confirmation classes, and ministry responsibilities, I'm stretched pretty thin. If you feel called to visit, pray with, or simply check in on someone, please let me know. This is beautiful ministry we can share together.

Easter Service

We are excited to celebrate Easter together at Calvary on Sunday, April 5. We will begin with a 6:00 a.m. sunrise service on the riverbank near the church, with music by Michele O'Hara and Service

presented by William Giddings. Please bring a lawn chair and a blanket, as mornings can still be chilly. We will gladly help anyone who needs assistance getting down to the river area. If the weather is poor, the sunrise service will be held inside the church.

Following the sunrise service, Janet and Reynold Giddings will host an Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall from until about 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome, and there is no need to bring anything. Just come enjoy food and fellowship. Our regular Easter worship service with Holy Communion will be held in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m., and it will also be available online for those who are unable to attend in person. We hope you can join us for one service or all of them as we celebrate the joy of Easter morning together as the Calvary family.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have Thrivent Insurance, please remember to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by **March 31, 2026** to a church or charity of your choice. Every little bit helps ministries like ours continue to serve our community.

A Prayer for the Month of March

Loving God,

March feels like that in-between time. Still cold some days, a little muddy, but with tiny signs that spring is coming. And truthfully, that's how a lot of us feel too: a little tired, a little hopeful, carrying worries but still looking for light. As we keep walking through Lent, slow us down and help us notice you in the small things: in quiet mornings, shared meals, kids laughing in the hallway, a neighbor who needs a hand, or a prayer whispered in the car before practice.

Be close to those who are hurting right now. Those who are sick, grieving, lonely, or worried about what comes next. Sit beside our shut-ins, give strength to caregivers, and watch over our kids and grandkids as they grow and find their way. Forgive us when we snap at the people we love, when we worry more than we pray, or when we get so busy we forget to look for you. Gently pull us back and remind us that we are loved, forgiven, and never alone.

Bless our Calvary family. Those in the pews, those watching from home, and those we haven't seen in a while. Help us check on one another, laugh together, and share casseroles, prayers, and kindness the way small towns do best. As Easter gets closer, prepare our hearts again for the good news that love wins, hope rises, and Jesus is still walking right beside us. We give you this month, Lord. Our plans, our worries, our hopes, and our messy lives, and we trust you to carry what we cannot.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Many Blessings to All,
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

March 2026 Dates

Saturday, March 14th 9:00-10:30 AM

Thursday, March 26th 5:30-6:30 PM

April 2026 Dates

Saturday, April 11th 9:00-10:30 AM

Thursday, April 23rd 5:30- 6:30 PM

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.

