

CALVARY LUTHERAN CALENDAR/NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Sunday Worship-In Person and on Facebook

May 3 rd	Worship/Communion	9:00AM
May 10 th	Worship	9:00AM
May 17 th	Worship/Communion	9:00AM
May 24 th	Worship	9:00AM
May 31 st	Worship	9:00AM

Readers-

May 3rd Sandra Kempter

May 10th Lois Hatteburg

May 17th Jodi Feller

May 24th Dawn Miller

May 31st Larry Melaas

Altar Guild-

Larry Melaas

Fellowship-

May 3rd- Chrystal House

May 10th- Vicki Johnson

May 17th Michele Ohare

May 31st- Wells Family



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Food Pantry

May 14th, 4-6 PM

Church Council Meeting

May 11th 6:30 PM

Sunday School

Every Sunday 10 AM

Confirmation

Every Friday 3PM

Church Events

May 10th - Mothers Day

May 17th - Honoring Graduates

May 31st - Confirmation Celebration

Community Events

May 9th - 10:30-12:30 - Miles Splash Pad Cookout at Jesse's
Automotive



Greetings Calvary Family,

As we step into May, you can start to feel the shift all around us. The days are getting longer, the sun is sticking around a little more, and signs of new life are finally showing up after a long winter. It's that time of year where we begin to open the windows, spend more time outside, and take a deep breath of something new.

And in many ways, this season invites us to do the same in our faith.

To step forward, to notice where God is at work in the everyday moments, and to grow in our faith.

One of the most meaningful moments this past month was our First Communion weekend.

On April 11th, our class gathered to learn what it truly means to come to the table. The kids explored Communion in a hands-on way, sampling wafers, bread, wine, and grape juice, learning that this meal is a gift of grace, meant for them.

Then on April 12th, eleven children received their First Communion, surrounded by family, friends, and their church family. It was a beautiful moment of faith and belonging. I'll be honest... with one cousin and two of my own children taking part, I found myself tearing up more than once. It touched my heart in a completely different way. Thank you for supporting these kids and reminding them that this is their church too.

Funeral Planning

We also walked alongside two families in grief this past month as we held two funerals here at Calvary. Because of that, I want to open up an invitation for funeral planning this summer.

If you would like to sit down and make plans, choosing scripture, songs, poems, or even just sharing a few wishes. I would love to meet with you. These plans can always be updated over time, but having a foundation in place can be a tremendous gift to your family during a difficult season.

Schooling Update

I am continuing through Module 3 of the TEEM program and have now passed my CAP interview. This means I am eligible for synod approval to begin my internship here at Calvary in June. I'm looking forward to using the summer months to keep moving forward through coursework and continuing to grow in this calling.

Day Off Update

I will be moving my day off back to **Mondays**. This won't affect most schedules, but please note that on Mondays and after hours, I will not be responding to calls, texts, or emails unless it is an emergency. Even in work we love, we all need time to rest and recharge.

Tech Update

Good news... we are back in business! The tech team has worked through the sound issues and found a solution. Thank you for your patience and grace as we figured that out together.

Offering Opportunities

Each month, we continue to live out our faith in tangible ways:

- **First Sunday – Disaster Relief Sunday**
- **Noisy Offering (2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays)**

When our youth are involved, they aren't just attending church... they are becoming part of it.

A Call for Visiting Volunteers

One area where I could truly use help is visiting our shut-ins, members who may not be with us physically but remain a vital part of Calvary.

With limited hours, confirmation, and other ministry responsibilities, my schedule can get stretched thin. If you feel called to visit, pray with, or simply check in on someone, please let me know. This is meaningful ministry we can share together.

Prayer for the Month of May

Loving God,

As the world around us comes alive again, help something new grow within us too. Grow our patience, our kindness, our willingness to care for one another. Be near to those who are hurting, those who are grieving, and those who feel alone.

Help us notice you in the longer days, in conversations, in laughter, and in quiet moments. Remind us that we are always loved, always forgiven, and never walking alone.

In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

Many Blessings to All,
Carrington Wells, SAM

CALVARY LUTHERAN MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

1st Thursdays 4:00 - 6:00 PM

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

May 2026 Dates

May 14th 4-6 PM

June 2026 Dates

June 4th 4-6 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.



Updated 2026 Food Pantry Calendar

Calvary Lutheran Church Mobile Food Pantry

May – December 2026

1st Thursdays* – 4:00-6:00 PM
(*except May)

Families are eligible to attend the Calvary pantry and the Preston pantry each month if eligible.

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

May - December 2026 Dates

Thursdays (only)

May 14th
Jun 4th
Jul 2nd
Aug 6th
Sep 3rd
Oct 1st
Nov 5th
Dec 3rd

If you are unable to attend the scheduled dates, please message us privately on the **Calvary Lutheran Church Facebook** page (<https://www.facebook.com/calvarysabula>) or email us at calvarysabula@gmail.com to set up an appointment for the Saturday of the pantry week.

Calvary Lutheran Church Mobile pantry is located at 716 Pearl St., Sabula, IA 52070

Watch Calvary Lutheran Church Facebook Page for announcements

Preston Manna Center Food Pantry

May – December 2026

2nd Thursdays – 8:00-10:00 AM **OR**
Tues before that Thurs – 6:00-7:00 PM

Families are eligible to attend the Calvary pantry and the Preston pantry each month if eligible.

Preston Manna Center serves the following towns in Iowa:

Preston, Miles, Sabula, Spragueville, Goose Lake, Teeds Grove, Andover, & Charlotte.

May - December 2026 Dates

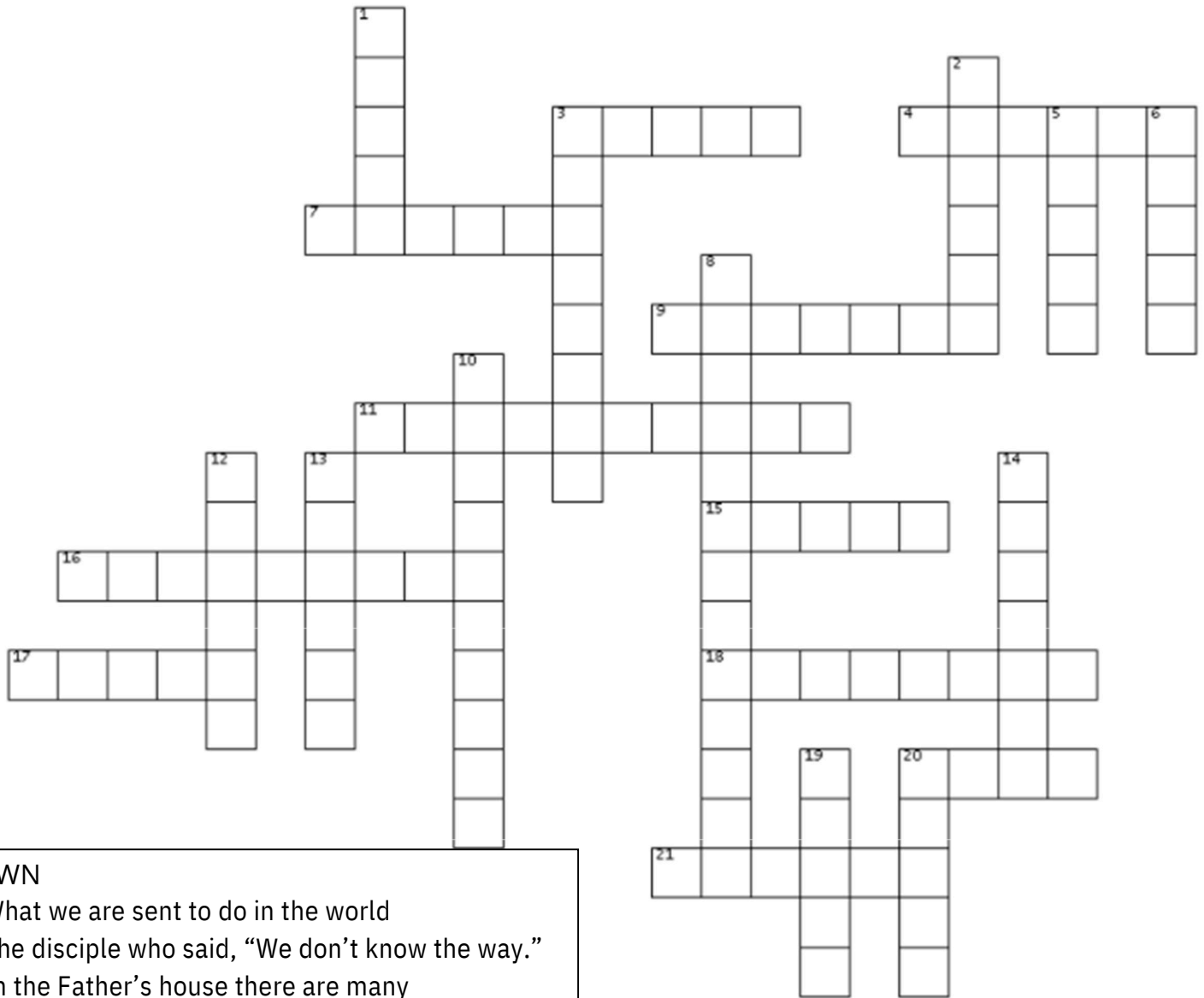
Tuesday **OR** Thursday

May 12 th	May 14 th
Jun 9 th	Jun 11 th
Jul 7 th	Jul 9 th
Aug 11 th	Aug 13 th
Sep 8 th	Sep 10 th
Oct 6 th	Oct 8 th
Nov 10 th	Nov 12 th
Dec 8 th	Dec 10 th

Please send a message on **Preston Manna Center Facebook** page if you have questions.

Preston Manna Center is located at Preston United Methodist Church, 141 Stephens St., Preston, IA 52069

FAITH AND FUN



DOWN

1. What we are sent to do in the world
2. The disciple who said, "We don't know the way."
3. In the Father's house there are many _____ places.
5. We are called out of darkness into God's marvelous _____.
6. Something Jesus prepares for us.
8. "We love the comfortable scripture, but we grow in the _____ questions."
10. We are called a "royal _____" in 1 Peter.
12. A gift given on May Day to show kindness.
13. "Into your hands I commend my _____."
14. Jesus doesn't give directions—He gives _____.
19. What we are reminded to do when we don't understand.
20. Calvary's Council President

ACROSS

3. What the disciples had when they didn't understand.
4. The disciple who asked to be shown the Father.
7. Once we were not a people, but now we are God's _____.
9. What we don't need to have figured out
11. God is our strong rock and _____.
15. What grows when we ask hard questions.
16. What we are encouraged to ask in our faith.
17. Jesus is the _____ that the builders rejected.
18. Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be _____."
20. Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the _____."
21. What Jesus promises to do for us (prepare a place and come again)