

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CALENDAR/NEWSLETTER

June 2026

## Sunday Worship-In Person and on Facebook

June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Worship/Communion	9:00AM
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Worship	9:00AM
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Worship/Communion	9:00AM
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Worship	9:00AM

### Readers-

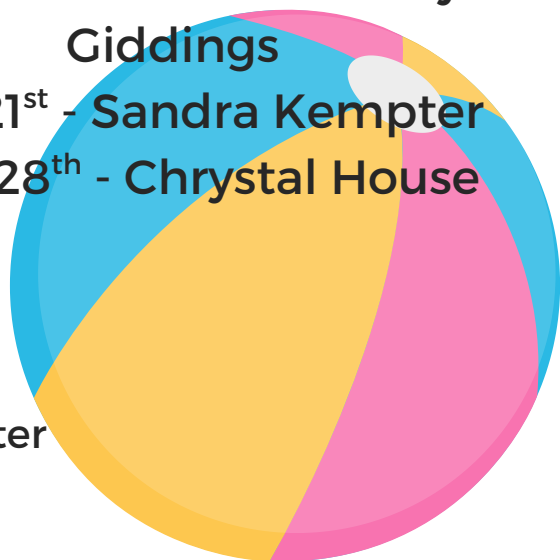
June 7<sup>th</sup> - Barb Green  
June 14<sup>th</sup> - Janet Giddings  
June 21<sup>st</sup> - Carrington Wells  
June 28<sup>th</sup> - Gilbert Wells

Altar Guild- Willy and Lola  
Giddings

### Fellowship-

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Jody Mangler  
June 14<sup>th</sup> - Lola and Willy  
Giddings  
June 21<sup>st</sup> - Sandra Kempter  
June 28<sup>th</sup> - Chrystal House

Carrington Wells, Synodically Authorized Minister  
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# CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Food Pantry

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 PM

## Church Council Meeting

June 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM

## Sunday School

Out for the Summer!

## Church Events

June 7<sup>th</sup> Disaster Relief Sunday

June 21<sup>st</sup> Father's Day Service

June 27<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive 8-11 AM

June 27<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Lock In

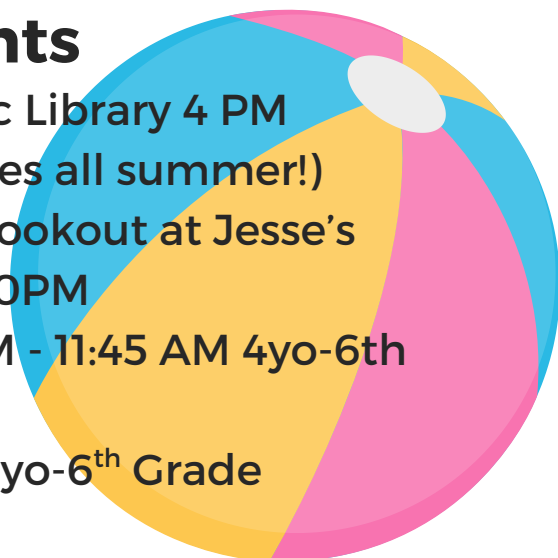
## Community Events

June 5<sup>th</sup> Lego Time at Sabula Public Library 4 PM  
(Library is open with books and games all summer!)

June 6<sup>th</sup> Miles Splashpad Fundraiser Cookout at Jesse's  
Automotive 1030 AM- 1230PM

June 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Faith Lutheran VBS 8:45 AM - 11:45 AM 4yo-6th  
Grade

July 6-9<sup>th</sup> Elvira Zion VBS 5-8 PM 3yo-6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Hello Calvary Family,

Is anyone else asking themselves, "How is it June already?" Time continues to move so quickly, so let's not waste any of it and jump right in.

### **Father's Day Service**

Mark your calendars for June 21, 2026. Last year we went above and beyond celebrating the moms (as we should!), but this year it's time for the dads and father figures to have some fun too. When I think about the dads in my life, I think about laughter, chaos, questionable fashion choices, and a whole lot of fun. So what better way to celebrate the father figures in our lives than with a "Silly Sunday" at Calvary? Here's what you need to know: Dress like your dad (find the holiest shirt you own and your best pair of New Balances), be prepared to NOT be prepared for anything during worship, and yes... there will be Root Beer Floats during Fellowship! This is one fun-filled service you will NOT want to miss!

### **Confirmation**

On May 31, 2026, we will celebrate the confirmation of three of our Calvary youth. Please take a moment to congratulate Hailee Woodhurst, Madi Cheramy, and Kinley Jorgensen. These young ladies have worked incredibly hard and each brings unique gifts and perspectives to our congregation. I have no doubt you will continue to see them active in the life of Calvary for years to come. If you would like to continue supporting them, they are hosting a "Church Lock-In" on June 27, 2026. Sugary sweet treats and snacks to help fuel them through the night are always welcome!

### **Paula Mangler Memorial Scholarship**

This year's recipients were Clara Weber and Teryn Hansen. They were presented their awards during the May 17th service by two of Paula's children. Both ladies have strong faith, surround themselves with wonderful friends, have supportive families, and live out God's word through their everyday actions. We know they will continue to do great things. Congratulations, ladies!

## **Youth in Our Congregation**

I want to take a moment to simply say, "Thank you" to you as a congregation.

Many of us grew up hearing that children should be "seen and not heard" during church. So seeing youth in church actually having fun and enjoying themselves (sometimes loudly) can take some adjusting. But what a blessing it is to watch families and children feel welcomed here, noise and all.

It's a generational shift, but I think we can all agree... this is way more fun!

You would be surprised how many people from my generation and older stopped attending church because of negative experiences in their youth. Or how many young families stay home because they worry their children might "ruin" the service for others. Personally, I will gladly lose your attention to a little girl sneaking six giant chocolate bars from the pulpit, a child's pitter-patter running down the aisle, or even the sound of a giant block tower crashing to the floor. I think most of us would rather see children joyfully experiencing God's house than hear another sermon anyway.

Because God's love is not only shared through words, but through the way we welcome and love one another.

You're doing a wonderful job, Calvary family. Let's keep sharing that love with everyone who walks through our doors.

## **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 and members who may not be physically present with us but remain a vital part of Calvary. Between limited office hours, confirmation, schoolwork, and other ministry responsibilities, my schedule can become stretched thin. If you feel called to visit, pray with, or simply check in on someone, please let me know. This is meaningful ministry that we can share together.

## **Schooling Update**

I am continuing through Module 3 of the TEEM program and have my internship interview scheduled for May 28th. This internship will take place here at Calvary and will involve additional support from my mentor and leadership committee. I will continue updating the congregation as I learn more. I would gladly accept any prayers as I continue this journey and work toward success in the program.

## **Funeral Planning**

One of my summer projects is opening the door for funeral planning conversations. If you would like to sit down and make plans, choosing scripture, songs, poems, or simply 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.

## **Day Off Update**

I will be moving my day off back to Mondays. This change should not affect most schedules, but please note that on Mondays and after hours, I will not be responding to calls, texts, or emails unless there is an emergency. Even in work we love, we all need time to rest and recharge. I will continue to be actively in the office on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you would like to stop in, please feel free. Otherwise, if you would like to schedule an office visit, just reach out.

## **Online Presence**

We continue to have great participation online since making changes to our livestream setup last month. We know this ministry helps many people when they cannot attend in person or even when they simply want a “lazy Sunday” and choose to worship from the comfort of their couch. Honestly, I can relate sometimes!

One thing I would ask from our Facebook followers is simple: engage with the posts. If you see something, like it. If there’s a fun service or event happening, share it. Social media does not always work the way we want it to, but when people like, comment, and share, our services and outreach reach far more people.

## **Prayer for the Month of May**

Loving God,

Summer has arrived, and with the warm weather and joyful memories ahead, we ask that you keep your children safe.

Lord, this is the season when we can look around and truly see the beauty of your creation. Help us slow down enough to take it all in: every flower, every wave, every ice cream cone, every laugh from a child.

Help us see the good in all you have created, including the people around us.

In Jesus’ name we pray,

Amen.

Many Blessings to All,

**Carrington Wells, SAM**

# CALVARY LUTHERAN MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

## **June 2026 Dates**

June 4th 4-6 PM

## **July 2026 Dates**

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-6PM

**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](mailto:cinmyers27@gmail.com) or (563)249-1937.



# FAITH AND FUN

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