

CALVARY LUTHERAN CALENDAR/NEWSLETTER

July 2026

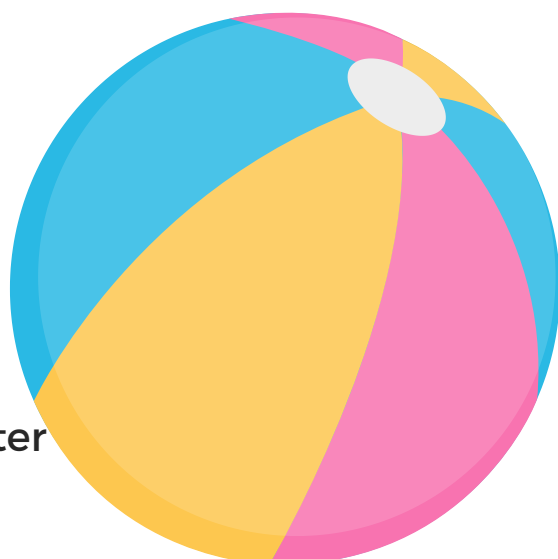
Sunday Worship-In Person and on Facebook

July 5 th	Worship/Communion	9:00AM
July 12 th	Worship/River Service	9:00AM
July 19 th	Worship/Communion	9:00AM
July 26 th	Worship	9:00AM

Readers-

July 5th - Linda Eckman
July 12th - William Giddings
July 19th - Jody Mangler
July 26th - Sandra Kempter

Altar Guild and Fellowship
Dick and Nancy Haynes



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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Food Pantry

July 2nd, 4-6 PM

Church Council Meeting

July 13th 6:30 PM

Sunday School

Out for the Summer!

Church Events

July 12th Riverside Service

July 26th Semi-Annual Meeting

Community Events

July 6-9th Elvira Zion VBS 5-8 PM 3yo-6th Grade

July 12th, 3-6 PM Sugar Creek Lawn Social (Music and a meal)

The Sabula Library is open daily with books and games all summer long!



Hello Calvary Family,

As summer rolls on, I hope you've had opportunities to enjoy time with family, soak up the sunshine, and witness God's beauty all around you. Even during these busy months, ministry at Calvary continues to thrive. Whether we're worshipping together, serving our neighbors, laughing with our youth, or preparing for what's ahead, God is continually reminding us that the church is more than a building. It's a family growing together in faith.

Here are a few highlights from the past month and some exciting things still to come.

Confirmation Lock-In

On June 27, our confirmation students gathered for an overnight lock-in at the church. I have to admit... the chaperones stayed awake long enough to watch the sunrise at 5:27 a.m., and finally gave in to sleep sometime after 6:30 a.m.!

We kicked off the evening with Manny's Pizza before heading out for a fun competition around Sabula. Teams acted out Bible stories, invented hilarious explanations for how ordinary objects were connected to Scripture, shared meaningful conversations, told their best dad jokes, created 20-second commercials about why Calvary is so wonderful, and even surprised Kinnik with original poems.

Back at church, we filled the night with music, snacks (thank you to Michelle, Linda, and Janet for the delicious treats!), laser tag, games in the dark, Sardines, Assassin, Ghost in the Graveyard, and just about every game we could think of.

Sleep was certainly in short supply, but the laughter, friendships, and memories made it more than worthwhile. A special thank you to Delaney Thola for sacrificing a night's sleep to help chaperone!

Riverside Service

Join us as we take worship outdoors! On **Sunday, July 12**, our 9:00 a.m. worship service will be held at **John Wall Park**. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy worship beside the beautiful Mississippi River, along with music provided by several of our talented congregational musicians. We hope you'll invite a friend and join us!

Offering Opportunities

Every month we have opportunities to put our faith into action:

- **First Sunday:** Disaster Relief Sunday
- **2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays:** Noisy Offering

Thank you for your generosity. Every gift, large or small, helps us share Christ's love in our community. When our youth participate in collecting the Noisy Offering, they aren't just attending church, they're becoming active partners in ministry.

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 continue working through Module 3 of the TEEM program. While it's taking a little longer than I originally hoped, one of the blessings of this program is that I can work at a pace that allows me to faithfully balance ministry, family life, and school. Between church responsibilities, baseball and softball games, piano lessons, gardens, and the never-ending laundry, life is wonderfully full!

I'm also excited to share that my one-year internship at Calvary officially began on July 11. This is another important step in my journey toward ordained ministry, and I am incredibly grateful for your encouragement, prayers, and support along the way. Thank you for walking this journey with me.

Do You Have a Service Idea?

One of my greatest joys is seeing the many gifts God has placed within this congregation. The Holy Spirit doesn't speak through only one person or one pastor. God stirs hearts, sparks ideas, and calls each of us in different ways. If you've ever found yourself thinking, "*What if we tried...*" or "*Wouldn't it be neat if our church...*"—I'd love to hear it.

Maybe it's a worship idea, a community outreach project, a fellowship event, a mission opportunity, a Bible study, or something completely different. Some ideas may work exactly as imagined, others may need a little tweaking, and a few may simply not fit our congregation at this time. But every idea is worth sharing because it comes from someone seeking to serve God.

My role isn't simply to plan worship or organize ministry, it's to help equip and support the people of Calvary as we follow where God is leading us together. So don't keep your ideas to yourself. Let's dream together, pray together, and see what God might be calling us to do next.

Prayer for the Month of July

Gracious God,

Thank you for the gift of summer. For sunshine, laughter, family gatherings, and moments that remind us of your goodness. As we travel, work, rest, and gather for worship, keep us rooted in your love.

Bless our congregation as we continue to grow together in faith. Strengthen those who are weary, comfort those who are grieving, heal those who are ill, and encourage those who feel alone. Help us notice opportunities to serve our neighbors, welcome new faces, and share the hope we have in Christ.

Be with our children and youth as they enjoy their summer adventures. Guide our leaders, bless our volunteers, and continue to shape Calvary into a place where every person knows they are loved and welcomed.

As we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy this month, remind us that our greatest freedom is found in Jesus Christ, whose love sets us free to serve others with joy. In your holy 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

July 2026 Date

July 2nd 4-6 PM

August 2026 Date

August 7th 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 first Thursdays of the month or with the distributions to our patrons (4:00-6:00 PM), even if you can only help occasionally, please give your contact information to Cindy Myers at cinmyers27@gmail.com or (563)2491937.



CALVARY BIRTHDAYS

Bailey Giddings
LaVerne Miller
Faith Hoyer
Debra Thayer
Kurt Gruhn
Blake Hansen
Lauryn Bratcher
Sophia Marburger
Alan Papke
Dylan Rittmer
Maisie Wilke
Jayne Weber
Mandy Marshall
Nicholas Troutwine
Marie Smith
Amy Swanson
Debra Stodola
Ethan Baisden
Allan Milder
Lola Giddings
Benjamin Leslie
Walker Milder

Jazmine Edfors
Aidan Feddersen
Paula Johnson
Shania Woodhurst
Shayla Woodhurst
Bill Johnson
Brody Dellit
Freya Ramser
Judy Matthiesen
Joey Hutten
Stephanie Johnson
Audra Marburger
Mia Dyer
Elizabeth Marburger
Lara McCombie
Paige Mangler
Isabella Dellit
Jennessa Johnson
Deb Wilweth
Avery Wentz

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