

# **CALVARY LUTHERAN CALENDAR/NEWSLETTER**

**August 2026**

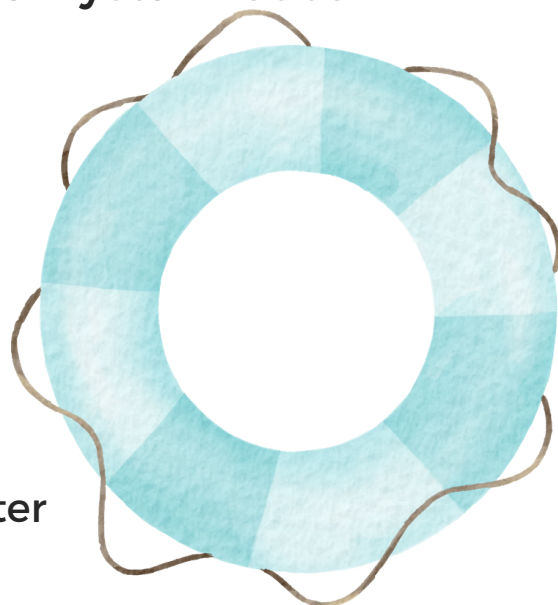
## **Sunday Worship-In Person and on Facebook**

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| August 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Worship/Communion | 9:00AM |
| August 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Worship           | 9:00AM |
| August 16 <sup>th</sup> | Worship/Communion | 9:00AM |
| August 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Worship           | 9:00AM |
| August 30 <sup>th</sup> | Worship           | 9:00AM |

### **Readers-**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Barb Green  
August 9<sup>th</sup> - Peiffer Family  
August 16<sup>th</sup> - Darla Meyer  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Larry Melaas  
August 30<sup>th</sup> - Janet Giddings

**Altar Guild and Fellowship  
Chrystal House**



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# CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

## **Food Pantry**

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

## **Church Council Meeting**

August 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM

## **Sunday School**

Out for the Summer!

## **Church Events**

August 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM Cake Walk at Island City Days

August 15<sup>th</sup> 10AM Movie Morning

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Blessing of the Backpacks

## **Community Events**

August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Island City Days

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



Greetings Calvary Family,

Has anyone else found themselves asking, "How is it August already?" It feels like summer just started! Before we know it, kids will be back in school, combines will be rolling, and we'll all be wondering where the warm weather went.

We've had a fun summer at Calvary, and there's still plenty to look forward to. So, let's jump in!

### **Riverside Service**

Thank you again to everyone who came to our Riverside Worship Service! God gave us a beautiful morning, and I don't know about you, but I had a blast. Singing by the Mississippi, laughing together, and worshipping outside was such a great reminder that church isn't just a building. It's God's people gathered together.

A huge thank you to our musicians, everyone who helped set up, our fellowship crew, those who helped shuttle people to the park, and to Dawn for letting us bless her bike before RAGBRAI. It was such a fun morning, and I have a feeling it won't be our last Riverside Service.

### **Offering Opportunities**

Each month we have a couple of special ways to give:

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

Thank you for always being so generous. Whether it's a handful of change or something more, it all makes a difference. One of my favorite parts of the Noisy Offering is watching our kids carry those buckets down the aisle. They're learning that church isn't just a place we come to. It's something we're part of. I love seeing them excited to help.

### **Schooling Update**

I finally submitted my last Module 3 assignment! 🎉 Next up is my assessment, and then hopefully I'll be starting Module 4. I'll be honest...school took a little backseat for a while. Between family, church, work, and everything else life throws at us, it was one of those seasons where there just weren't enough hours in the day. And despite what Grandpa Willy tells everyone...I really do work more than one hour on Sundays. 🐼

There are a lot of things that happen behind the scenes that most people never see. The funny thing is, it rarely feels like work. I get to spend my days with people I genuinely care about, help people grow in their faith, and dream up new ways to make worship meaningful. I feel incredibly blessed to serve this congregation. Now...it's time to get back to school!

## **Got an Idea?**

One of my favorite conversations starts with someone saying, "Do you think we could do this in worship sometime?" The answer is almost always... "Let's see if we can make it happen!" Seriously. Don't be afraid to share your ideas. Some of our favorite services have started because someone mentioned something after church or sent me a message during the week. Maybe it's a song, a children's message, a service idea, or something completely different. I'd love to hear it. Sometimes the Holy Spirit shows up through what seems like a simple idea.

## **Looking Ahead**

We've still got lots happening at Calvary over the next few months, so keep an eye on the bulletin, Facebook page, and website. Whether it's worship, community events, or ways to volunteer, there's always something going on and there's always room for you.

## **Prayer for the Month of August**

Dear Lord,

Thank You for another month together as a church family. As summer begins to wind down, help us notice the people around us who need encouragement, a helping hand, or simply someone to listen. Bless our students, teachers, farmers, families, and everyone who calls Calvary home. Continue to guide us as we worship, serve, laugh, and grow together. Above all, help us share Your love wherever You send us this month.

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

**August 2026 Date    September 2026 Date**

August 7<sup>th</sup> 4-6 PM

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cinmyers27@gmail.com) or (563)2491937.



# CALVARY BIRTHDAYS

Randy House  
Tami Giddings  
Michelle Swanson  
Larry Johnson  
Isla Mangler  
Chloe Edwards  
Michelle Melssen  
Jayden Johnson  
Linda Milder  
Jacob House  
Sarah Driscoll  
Olivia Schulze  
Destinee Vegter  
Skylar Pennock  
Joan Paddock  
Brad Meyer  
Christian Gruhn  
Wayne Johnson  
Josh Creger  
Wyatt Marburger  
Kinley Jorgensen  
Craig Hatteberg  
Chance Giddings

Jennifer Green  
Colin Marburger  
Kace Johnson  
Michelle Rittmer  
Chandler Milder  
Olivia Ries  
Matthew House  
Ashley Meyer  
Richard Haynes  
Tina Driscoll  
Kristi Johnson  
Logan Baisden  
Larry Melaas  
Cahleen Smith  
Steven Cotton  
Diane Davids  
Blake Stodola  
Kim Ruchotzke  
Don Gruhn  
Dylan Matthiesen  
Raylen Driscoll  
Madeline Milder  
Debra Marburger



# FAITH AND FUN

## BIBLE WORD LADDER

**CAN YOU CHANGE LAMB INTO LORD BY CHANGING ONE LETTER AT A TIME?**

### RULES:

**CHANGE ONLY ONE LETTER IN EACH STEP.**

**EACH NEW WORD MUST BE A REAL ENGLISH WORD.**

**DON'T REARRANGE THE LETTERS.**

**SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE SHORTEST PATH!**

**START: LAMB**

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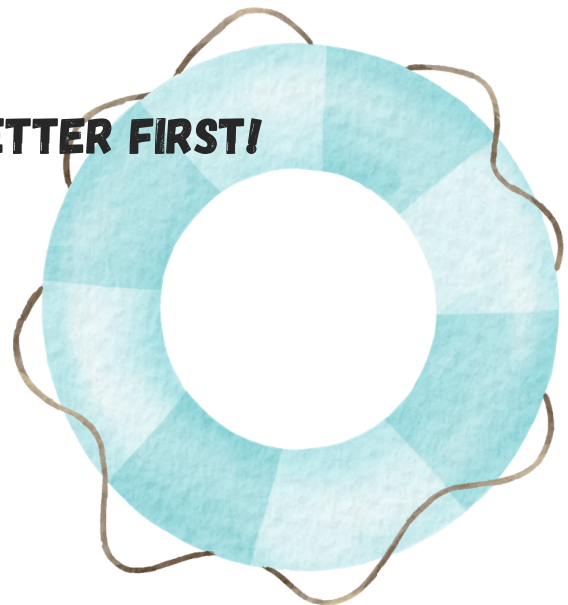
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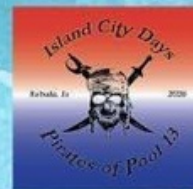
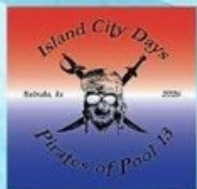
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**FINISH: LORD**

**HINT: TRY CHANGING THE LAST LETTER FIRST!**





## **ISLAND CITY DAYS SCHEDULE**

### **2026 THEME: "PIRATES OF POOL 13"**

### **SABULA, IOWA**

#### **Friday, August 7**

**6:00 PM**-Parade (lineup at 5:30 starts by old Homeport, turns at Fire Station and ends on Lake St.) Theme is "Pirates of Pool 13"  
**6:00-Midnight**-Food Vendors & Beer Tent ("Jeronimo's", "Boar's Nest", "T-Daddy's BBQ", "136 Fix" donuts, "Wanderlust Haven" "Lemonade Shakeups" from EV Class of '30)  
**7:00**-Kid's Pedal Pull by Eastern Iowa Pedal Pullers on Lake St  
**7:00-8:30**-Kids Craft sponsored by Krabbenhoft Public Library by Water Tower  
**7:00**-Basketball Wagon and Yard Games  
**7:00**-Iowa City Aerohawks Airplanes on the Middle Lake  
**7:30-9:30**-Foam Cannons on Lake St.  
**7:30**-Cutest Pet Winners Announced by stage  
**8:00-10:00**-"Kick & Band" performing  
**10:00-Midnight**-"Not Quite Brothers" performing

**Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers who make this event possible for the community!**

Events subject to change.

Please follow "Island City Days" and "Sabula Community Club" on Facebook for updates or questions.

For more information contact the following:  
**Races-Kelli @ 563-212-5678**-Deadline for t-shirt is July 29th. Form is on Facebook.

**Vendor Show-Abbie @ 563-219-5804**

**Art Show-Heather Houzenga** on Facebook- drop off items to City Hall or Library starting July 27.

**MUST BE TURNED IN BY AUG. 6 TO BE JUDGED!**

**Burger Cookoff-Stephani -563-221-1816**

**Cardboard Boat Brigade-Angie-815-275-4413**

**Volunteering-** Sabula Community Club or Island City Days on Facebook

#### **Saturday, August 8**

**7:00-11:00**-Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station hosted by Sabula Fire & EMS Departments  
**8:00-11:00**-Vendor/Craft Show at Fire Station  
**9:00-1:00**-Public Art Show Displayed in Library (Please drop off submissions by 8/6!)  
**9:00**-Island City Days 5K Run/Walk (registration at Baseball Diamond at 8:00)  
**10:00**-Kid's 50 YD, 100 YD & Team Relay Race (registration at Baseball Diamond at 9:45)  
**10:00**-Iowa City Aerohawks Airplanes on the Middle Lake  
**11:00**-Duck Race Launch on River St.  
**12:00-6:00**-Bounce Houses (\$5 wristband)  
**10:00**-Yard Games available on Lake St.  
**Noon-8:00**-"Haulin' Axe 815" Throwing, Gel Ball Guns & Yard Games on Lake Street  
**Noon-Midnight**-Food Vendors & Beer Tent ("Jeronimo's", "T-Daddy's BBQ" & "Wanderlust Haven," "136 Fix" donuts)  
**1:00-4:00**- Bingo under Pavilion by Library  
**2:00-5:00**-Eli Traum & Band singing on stage  
**3:00-6:00**-"Draw Me Bill" -Charicatures  
**4:00**-Burger Cookoff entries turned in to Beer Tent  
**4:00**-Cardboard Boat Brigade on Lake Street  
**6:00-8:00**-Cake Walk by Calvary Lutheran Church under Pavilion by Library  
**8:00-Midnight**- "Monica Austin & Band" performing  
**Dark**-Fireworks

**FAMILY FUN!**