

# Connect at Calvary March 2020



*“for we walk by faith and not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7*

Are you preparing for your Lenten journey? Do you think that it will take you places that you did not expect? Will you spend time in prayer? Is your busy life making you ask yourself, “Is Lent really almost here again?” Or maybe you are saying, “When will it be over?” Will you spend time in fearless wonderment over the gift of forgiveness given through Christ?

Sometimes our Lenten journey takes us places that we do not expect. Sometimes, things happen during this season that remind us that God loves us. Sometimes, the journey we take draws us down a path that can only be directed by our faith. Whether you may find difficulties, time for prayer, surprising moments, or time for extra Bible reading this Lenten season, God is with you on your journey. Whether the path appears well-defined before you or you seem to lose sight of the trail ahead, we walk by faith and not by sight.

Let us pray. Living God, draw us close to you during our Lenten journey. Fill us with faith on our paths. Help us to change our hearts to follow your vision. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen



## Weekend Worship Services

March 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/29

**Saturday** 5:30 pm    **Sunday** 8:15 and 10:15

**Wednesday Meals** March 4/11/18/25 – Meal Served 4:45 – 6:15 pm

**Education** 3 year old – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade -Session 1 - 5:00 pm - Session 2 - 5:45 pm

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Confirmation – 5:15 – 6:00 pm    7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – 6:30 – 8:15 pm

High School Youth – 7:15 – 8:30 pm    **Wednesday Worship** - 6:30 pm

### Sunday, March 1

9:20 am Ladies Chorus Rehearsal

11:20 am Living Prayer Rehearsal

### Monday, March 2

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 3

5:15 pm Kindred Spirit Rehearsal

5:30 pm Altar Guild Meeting

6:00 pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 4

12:00 Noon Lenten Service

12:30 pm Soup Lunch

### Thursday, March 5

9:00 am Quilters

### Sunday, March 8

9:20 am Ladies Chorus Rehearsal

11:20 am Living Prayer Rehearsal

### Monday, March 9

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 10

11:00 am Praying in Color Group

5:15 pm Kindred Spirit Rehearsal

6:00 pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 11

9:30 am Phoebe Circle

12:00 Noon Lenten Service

12:30 pm Soup Lunch

### Thursday, March 12

7:00 am Men's Breakfast

9:00 am Quilters

### Saturday, March 14

6:30 pm Congregational Potluck

### Sunday, March 15

9:20 am Ladies Chorus Rehearsal

11:20 am Living Prayer Rehearsal

12:00 Noon New Member Lunch

### Monday, March 16

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 17

5:15 pm Kindred Spirit Rehearsal

6:00 pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 18

9:30 am Naomi Circle

12:00 Noon Lenten Service

12:30 pm Soup Lunch

### Thursday, March 19

9:00 am Quilters

### Friday, March 20

5:45 pm Care Center Meal

### Sunday, March 22

9:20 am Ladies Chorus Rehearsal

11:20 am Living Prayer Rehearsal

### Monday, March 23

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 24

5:15 pm Kindred Spirit Rehearsal

6:00 pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 25

12:00 Noon Lenten Service

12:30 pm Soup Lunch

### Thursday, March 26

9:00 am Quilters

### Sunday, March 29

9:20 am Ladies Chorus Rehearsal

11:20 am Living Prayer Rehearsal

### Monday, March 30

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 31

5:15 pm Kindred Spirit Rehearsal

6:00 pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal



Linda Atene, Carolie Zacher, Hazel Mueller, Charlene Buescher, Mark Schuh, Thomas Abell, Orland Paulsen, Charlotte Rowland, Leona Aaker, Bill Groethe, Mary Repp, Lori Mehlberg, Nick Arneson, Kristi Cihak, Mark Rossignol, Karen Paulsen, Kevin Steever, Tim Olson, Michael P.

Wheeler of Laurel, Montana, Robert Schlenker, Arlene Schmagel, Liz Hamburg, Kenny Post, Fay Swenson, Suzanne Swenson, Jim Burke, Chip Elverud, Diane Forsyth, Sandra Kurry, Clarisse Brookens, Jeanie Montgomery, Aliyah Fauth-Gunhammer, Jan Fraser, Lyla Johnson, Eunice Hanson, Richard Person, Tait Hope, Bill Gust, Jon Dahlke, Virginia Martin, Betty Trankle, Nadine Long, Vernon Kahre, Bob Sandmeyer, Matthew Braden, Susan Gulbranson, Delvin Steever, Kirby Hedman, All Military, First Responders & families



## **Bluegrass Worship Service**

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> Music starts at 5:25**

Come and join us for an evening of bluegrass music and worship.

# Thank You

Cassie Larsen has served as our Volunteer Coordinator and New Member Coordinator for the past three years. Her last day on staff was February 29, 2020.



We will be receiving new members on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join Calvary or know of someone who would, call Lee Ann at the church office 342-9043 or email [leeann@calvaryrapidcity.org](mailto:leeann@calvaryrapidcity.org).





**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS...** Jessica Gromer, RN will check blood pressures on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, between worship services - 9:15 am – 10:15 am in the Dakota Room.



**CALVARY IN ACTION PROJECT...** We are supporting women at the Cornerstone Women's Shelter by purchasing bus passes. A collection basket will be available at the back of the sanctuary. The Giving Kiosk is also available for this project. We will be collecting money for the passes through March 8<sup>th</sup>. Your support of these projects is appreciated. Questions? Call 342-9043.



**THERE IS A PRAYER WALL** in the Narthex during the 40 days of reflection and penitence leading to Easter on April 12. Stop by and post a prayer for health, friends, enemies, hope, recovery, our neighborhood, our government, our schools, our city, for those suffering oppression, poverty, war and famine. Praises are always welcome, too. Whatever you want to pray for, there is a space for you.



**BOWLING TIME FOR ALL AGES...** Join us on Sunday, March 8th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Meadowood Lanes (3809 Sturgis Road). Play 2 games for a discounted rate of \$3.25/game/person and FREE shoes.\* Come by yourself or bring the whole family and meet other people from Calvary. (\*Minimum attendance is 25+ to get this rate. Or the rate increases to \$4.25/game/person and shoes are \$2.50.) RSVP by signing up online <https://bit.ly/3aLvrHZ> or at the ministry center. Call Kellie Meissner at 430-9684 with questions.

### **CALVARY/WOYATAN LUTHERAN MONTHLY LUNCH...**

The last Sunday of each month Calvary Lutheran and Woyatan Lutheran will have lunch together at Woyatan. If you would like to attend this meal, there is a sign-up sheet at the Information Desk, or call the church office at 342-9043. All are welcome to attend this monthly lunch.



### **LUTHERAN MINISTRY OF THE HILLS INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL**

**SOUP-or CHILI FUNDRAISER...** This event will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the Surbeck Center Ballroom (501 E St. Joseph Street, Rapid City – SDSMT Campus). Sample soups

and chilis from around the Hills and vote for your Favorite! Bid on silent auction items to support Lutheran Campus Ministry! There will be prizes for the Best Chili and the Best Soup. The Group/Church who raised the most \$\$\$ will take home the travelling trophy! Call 605-646-3241 or email [Rachel.LCMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:Rachel.LCMinistry@gmail.com) for more information.

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



# **Lent 2020**

**Wednesdays:** Please join us during the season of Lent for “Holden Evening Prayer” at noon followed by a soup lunch. We will also have our usual Wednesday night worship opportunities at 6:30 pm.

Our Wednesday Lenten Theme will be  
**“Open My Life, Lord.”**

March 4: Open My Eyes, Lord  
March 11: Open My Hands, Lord  
March 18: Open My Ears, Lord  
March 25: Open My Heart, Lord  
April 1: Open My Life, Lord

**Weekends:** Our Lenten theme for our weekend worship services will be **“Making Change.”** At Saturday night worship, we will again use “Holden Evening Prayer” for the Lenten season. Sunday worship services will also reflect the Lenten season.

Feb. 29-March 1: Change of Season  
March 7-8: Change of Habit  
March 14-15: Change of Circumstances  
March 21-22: Change of Heart  
March 28-29: Change of Plans



**MARCH/APRIL MILESTONES:** Calvary's Milestone Ministry is a way of helping families pass on their Christian faith. It is a way to celebrate events in our everyday lives that shape our identity and give us a sense of belonging to the family of Jesus

Christ. Join us as we celebrate with these groups:

**March 11th: 5th Grade** The focus of this Milestone will be the students learning about their first communion.

This is a special milestone in a child's faith journey, and it is also a chance for parents to come together with their child and grow together in faith (Note: Their actual Holy Communion Celebration will take place on Maundy Thursday, April 9.)

**March 18th: Ages 3, 4, and 5 year-olds (that will not be in Kindergarten this fall).** The focus of this Milestone will be on how "Jesus Loves You."

**March 25th: 8th Grade** The focus of this Milestone will be "Sharing our Faith with Others". This Milestone is in conjunction with the 8th Graders Faith Statements (presented after worship). They will be sharing how they shared the love of God with others in their community.

Please call Kellie Meissner, Family Ministries Coordinator, for more information or with any questions at 430-9684.



**CALVARY'S BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on Monday, March 9th, from 12:30 – 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate blood, please call Jim Galbraith, Blood Drive Coordinator, at 484-3221 to schedule your

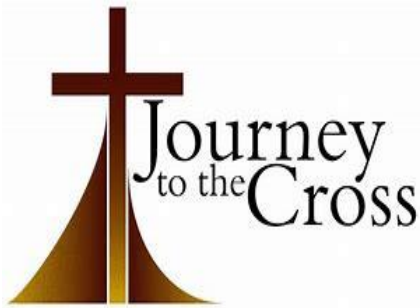
appointment.

## JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> AT WOYATAN LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR...



**3:00 pm** Woyatan Lutheran Retreat Center tours and fellowship time. Mark your calendars for an opportunity to tour the retreat center at Woyatan Lutheran Church. Coffee and goodies will be served.

**4:00 pm** Bear Butte Conference Assembly Meeting at Woyatan Lutheran. The time of retreat tours and fellowship will be followed by our annual assembly meeting for our Bear Butte Conference. This is an opportunity for all of our congregations to be informed and involved. We hope to see you there!



### **THERE WILL BE TWO DATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EASTER EVENT**

- Wednesday - April 1 from 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm, and April 5 (Palm Sunday)

between the two worship services from

9:15 am – 10:00 am. Participants will visit multi-sensory, engaging stations from Jesus' triumphal entry on Palm Sunday to the joy of his resurrection on Easter. The stations are designed to permit reflection on the true meaning of the events leading to Easter. Everyone is welcome. Participants may visit the stations as a family, a small group or individually. Experience the Lenten season in a new and refreshing way. Want to volunteer for this fun event? Contact Kellie Meissner at 430-9684 or [kmeissner@rapidnet.com](mailto:kmeissner@rapidnet.com).





**THANK YOU**, to all, for your continued support for all the ministries at Calvary in 2020. Your time, talent and treasure are appreciated. The numbers below show our cash flow for the month of January 2020.

	<b>1/31/2020</b>
Donations	\$59,616
Disbursements	<u>86,426</u>
Donations – Disbursements	<u>\$ (26,809)</u>

The Pastors continue to work on strategic planning and goal setting. We have exciting opportunities ahead of us. These opportunities and ministries happen because of everyone's generosity. If you have any questions on these numbers, please contact Kathy Miller at the church office.



A reminder to all **Thrivent** Members! – Eligible Thrivent members can direct their Choice dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations **including Calvary Lutheran Church**. You can go to [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) and login to see if you have any Choice Dollars to designate. At that point, search for Calvary Lutheran and request that Thrivent direct those monies to the church. Thank you for making a difference!



**Thank you for your participation in the 2019 Annual Meeting, where over 120 of you attended.**

The Church Council works hard to keep the church financially strong and forward-leaning for the vitality of our congregation. We are introducing Calvary Conversations, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, to learn more about community activities that might be of interest to you. If you have ideas for these discussions, please let your council members know or leave a message with the church office.

We have guest speakers in March, discussing an initiative undertaken by Lutheran Church of Hope and community partners in Broomfield, Colorado. Jim Barclay, retired CEO of Lutheran Family Services of Colorado/New Mexico, and Paul Olson, Community Engagement for the Rocky Mountain Region of Thrivent, will discuss the partnerships that are making affordable housing for youth transitioning out of foster care possible in their community.

***Calvary Conversations—Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dakota Room, 9:15am – 10:00am.*** Jon Johnson will talk about the Red Cross in Western South Dakota. Learn about the life-saving work the organization undertakes for our community, region, and across the globe.

***Educational Program—Lutheran Church of Hope Anchor House for Emancipated Foster Youth—Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Fellowship Hall, 8:00am – 9:30am.*** Jim Barclay, retired CEO of Lutheran Family Services of Colorado/New Mexico, and Paul Olson, Community Engagement for the Rocky Mountain Region of Thrivent, are our guest speakers, talking about the partnership for an exciting new program for the Broomfield community.

## **DON'T FORGET TO REPORT YOUR IRA QCD...**

If you took advantage of the opportunity to make charitable gifts with a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA last year, don't forget to tell your tax preparer. Your gifts are invisible on the 1099-R form. It only shows the total withdrawal amount, with no mention of any tax-free transfers to charity. The QCD must be reported on your tax return to avoid payment of taxes. Be sure to keep an acknowledgment from the charity, showing that it received your contribution in your tax records.



Join us for a Taize Meditative  
Worship Service at Terra Sancta  
Retreat Center, Holy Cross  
Chapel, 2101 City Springs Road,

Rapid City on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Taize is a meditative, ecumenical Christian style of worship including repetitive singing of simple harmonized songs, interspersed with Scripture, readings, prayers and silence. It nurtures relationship with our loving creator God going deeper into our heart connecting with love for all. Join us and bring your friends. Questions? Call 605-716-0925 or 605-431-6956.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Kirsten Aasen, Cheryl Chapman, Bill Eldridge, Jessica Gromer, Jon Johnson, Martin Kerkenbush, Nancy May, Jeff Schleusener, Doug Thrash

**COUNCIL OFFICERS** – Cheryl Chapman – President, Jeff Schleusener – Vice President, Jon Johnson – Secretary, Treasurer – Bill Eldridge

### **CALVARY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Telephone - 342-9043 Website – [www.calvaryrapidcity.org](http://www.calvaryrapidcity.org)

