

CALVARY

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**WORSHIP @ 9:45 AM ON SUNDAYS
IN PERSON & ONLINE**

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AUGUST 31, 2025

**YOU MAY GET ATTACKED FOR DOING THE
RIGHT THING; DO THE RIGHT THING ANYWAY**

1 SAMUEL 24

PASTOR HAROLD

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

**THE GOD WHO CREATES
GENESIS 1:27-28; COLOSSIANS 1:15-17**

PASTOR HAROLD

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HYGIENE PANTRY

The hygiene pantry offers people the ability to live with dignity and respect without negative social stigma. It's open weekdays during Coffee Spot hours:

M-F from 9 am - 1 pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

AUGUST NEEDS:

**Kleenex, Conditioner,
Deodorant, Toothpaste,
Body Wash**



Come hang out at the Coffee Spot! Open M-F from 9 am - 1 pm in the fellowship hall, the Coffee Spot provides space to build relationships, enjoy a cup of coffee, use the WiFi, be a part of Lighthouse, and connect with local resources as needed.

Scent-Free: Perfumed or scented products make it difficult for people with allergies and respiratory challenges to worship. Please show love for your community by refraining from wearing scented anything when coming to church. Thank you!

OFFERING TOTALS FOR JULY (NEW FISCAL YEAR)

General Fund Offerings: \$48,317.61
• 144.4% of monthly budget
• 144.4% of yearly budget has been given year-to-date

Christian Ed Offerings: \$4,899.00
• 189.6% of monthly budget
• 189.6% of yearly budget has been given year-to-date

Ministry of the Month:
• \$1,779.00 - Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sunday, Aug 31: 9:45 am Worship Service

Monday, Sep 1:  Coffee Spot Closed

Tuesday, Sep 2: 9:30 am Women's Prayer and Bible Study
11:00 am Seated Stretch & Strengthen

Wednesday, Sep 3: 4:00 pm Men's Spiritual Formation Group
7:00 pm Wednesday Night Prayer Group

Thursday, Sep 4: 12:00 pm Kitchen Time
5:00 pm FA Mobile Food Pantry

Friday, Sep 5: 7:00 pm Friday Night Movie

Sunday, Sep 7: 9:45 am Worship Service/Lord's Supper

AUGUST MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: JESSE AND JARI RODRIGUEZ.

"We are committed to teaching the Nicaraguan Church about the importance of business as a mission and encourage their business members to embrace being part of a marketplace ministry. We achieve this through facilitating workshops that contribute to the practice of Biblical and God honoring principles in business and life. We provide a follow-up and discipleship process that includes mentoring and support groups. We prepare business mentors in local churches to commission and send out marketplace ministers. We have collaborated with Discipling Marketplace Leaders. DML is present in thirteen countries across Africa. DML's mission is to educate, equip, and empower the local church to establish a ministry that disciples to every believer to live out work as worship and mission."

As a licensed, registered nurse, Jari also spends time serving alongside local doctors and Nicaraguans in health education and disease prevention.



SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sue Russo	2
Katie Elders	4
Dave Grigoletti	9
Lizzy de Vuyst	11
Erin Elders	11
Lois Craven	12
Luke Bykerk	18
Levi Bykerk	18
Elias Van Drunen	18
Richard Schaap	20
Ruth Cole	22
Lu Ann Kruis	22
Ophelia Gardner	23
Dan Warners	24
Asher Gardner	24
Lucille Lankheet	25
Becki Bykerk	26
John Quist	26
Megan Gardner	27
Paul Hoeksema	28
Carol Lamer	28
Kenny Zierleyn	28

Welcome

Welcome to Calvary! Bagel bits, coffee, and lemonade are available before and after the service. Our worship services are live-streamed at www.youtube.com/calvarywy and www.facebook.com/calvarywy. These bulletins are available each week via email, on the table behind the sanctuary, and on our website. Children's worship bulletins themed on the common lectionary are on the table behind the sanctuary. For older kids or adults there is a Sermon Notes page to respond to and reflect on each week's sermon.

To stop by the church building during the week, please do so between 9 am - 1 pm using the Coffee Spot doors, either Door B by the laundry room, or Door C on the west side of the building. To contact any staff member directly please use the information on the front page.

Pastor Harold is wrapping up a sermon series today entitled "Anyway". This series is based on a poem by Mother Theresa. The poem at its core says that even though it's hard to do the right thing, do the right thing anyway. Prayers that God will use these messages to challenge us.

Nursery Attendants:

This Week 8/31: Rick and Marilyn Brinks

Next Week 9/7: Cathy and Alex Elders

Prayer Servants: (after the worship service at the front of the sanctuary):

This Week 8/31: Dale Elders

Next Week 9/7: Matt and Sara Jewett

Lord's Supper Next Week: Next Sunday during our worship service, we will celebrate holy communion together. Through this sacrament, God nourishes our faith and reminds us of His sacrifice for our sins. Consider spending time this week reflecting on your relationship with the Lord; spend specific time in confession, repentance, and reflecting on His redemption. May the Holy Spirit move in our hearts as we prepare for the gift of this holy communion.

Calvary 101: Are you interested in learning more about Calvary and what the next steps might be for you? If so, we would love to have you stick around after the service September 14. Grab a cup of coffee, and head on down to the Lounge, so that we can meet you! This class usually meets on the first Sunday of each month.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us Wednesday, September 3 between 6-8pm for a **night of worship** here at Calvary. There will be art, a prayer station, dessert, and of course lots of singing. Feel free to come and go as you need. We're gathering not to be perfect, but to be authentic. Bring an instrument if you can play, and bring your enthusiasm either way. Hope to see you there!

Kick-Off Sunday Potluck: Sunday, Sept 7. Let's Celebrate Together What God Has Done, Is Doing, And Will Do In And Through Us This Coming Year! There is a sign up sheet on the communication table. Please Join Us!

Circles: SIGN UP NOW! Check out the flier on the information table for all the details of Circle group options. Return the bottom portion of the flier to the box on the info table or simply email your responses to jquist@calvarywy.org.

Directory Updates. There is a table in the Fellowship Room that has pages of our current church directory. If your information has changed, please make the changes on that printed copy. Thank you!

Parents & Students! Look for the Yellow sign up sheet on the communication table and get signed up for our school year Sunday School classes (K - 8th grade). Classes will begin on Sunday, Sept 28.

Lighthouse Community Movie Night is this Friday at 7:00pm! How to Train Your Dragon will be showing. Enter through Door A. Doors lock at 7:15 pm. Snacks are provided.

TNT (Tried-N-True) Lunch Bunch. Adults, come join us for lunch at Russ's (on 28 th St. near Byron Center Ave) When? 11:30 am on September 10, 2025. It is too soon to jump into a pile of leaves for an exciting and silly activity so what can you do in September? There is a solution—join the TNT Lunch Bunch for a good meal and a good time. Get your name on the sign-up sheet at church or let Barb Stone know by September 8 if you are able to join us. Hope to see you there!

Hygiene Pantry Update. Our hygiene pantry continues to be a huge blessing to our community. This is a huge silent need for so many, as we are now serving over 100 families each month. Thank you for your continued support. We ask you to keep the donations coming! We need all the support we can get to keep this pantry open! Right now our biggest needs are body wash, deodorant, conditioner and baby wipes. Thank you!!

Tress Smitter (District 5) Tress has found another church family. She will be joining New City Fellowship. It's just one block from her apartment and she can go there in her electric scooter! "I have gone to Calvary for 13 years, they have been good times. Thank you to Mary Gregg for giving me rides from Pine Oaks Apts. Praying the Calvary continues to be the church on the corner that cares for their neighbors." Praying that God will continue to be with Tress as she continues her faith journey.

MINISTRIES TO JOIN

- The Women's Tuesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am with a 15-week study "Fly through The Bible". All are welcome. For more information contact Nondi at nondigurley@gmail.com or 312-818-0510.
- Men's Spiritual Formation Group meets on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm, in the library. Please join us as we study *Practicing the Way* by John Mark Comer. For more information, contact Mark Westrate.
- Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry is the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. The next food pantry will be Thursday, Sept 4 at 5:00 pm. To help set up and hand out food, please arrive at church by 4:30 pm. For more details, contact Shanna Grigoletti.
- Wednesday Night Prayer Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, at 7:00 pm.

PRAYERS & PRAISES AUGUST 31, 2025

Micah Bykerk (District 1): "Five years ago, Micah underwent a 10-hour surgery to remove the tumor in his lower back. This week, his routine 6-month MRI scans once again showed 'no change.' We are deeply thankful and give God all the praise!"

Mike Toering (District 5): Mike will be having brain surgery to remove a mass on Sept 8. Evidently this has been growing for many years but are not sure if this is cancerous. Mike and Pam would appreciate prayers for this delicate surgery.

Mary Vander Ploeg (District 6): Mary is back in the hospital. She will be staying for observation. Prayers for answers, direction and healing.

Doug Seelye (District 5): Prayers for Doug as he heads out to Idaho! He received a church residency position at a place called Eagle Christian Church. He will focus on youth ministry and young adult ministry.

Jennie Botsford (a friend at Calvary) is asking for prayers for her granddaughter who has scoliosis and cannot walk.

Samara Brown (District 1): Samara is thankful that she has a new place to live. She is also asking for prayers for family members.

Ken Koster (District 3): Continue to pray for Ken's 16-year-old grandson Francis Bergsma, son of John and Dawn, who is battling an aggressive cancer. The prognosis is still not good. Praying that God will give them strength during this physically challenging time.

Susan Haagsma: An update from Bill: "It's been over a month since our last post. The weeks since then have been fairly routine with visits to Lemmen Holton three times a week. Tuesdays and Wednesdays were ECP, and Fridays were Rituxan. It is likely that she will no longer need her Friday appointments moving forward. Susan's bloodwork shows very slow improvement, but she still needs the occasional infusion of blood. A very important result is that EBV remains undetected. She's getting stronger, but improvement is at a much slower pace than she'd prefer. We developed a comfortable summer rhythm, but that rhythm now changes. I had 3 days of school meetings this week, so Jake was the chauffeur on Tuesday and Wednesday. School officially begins tomorrow, so we'll have to get used to a new routine. I'm grateful to ease into school this week with 3 and a half days, then a long weekend. I'm especially thankful that Steven and Sarah will be visiting this weekend. We'll be celebrating a birthday extravaganza for Steven (Aug. 1), Sarah (Aug. 30), Jake (Aug. 31), and Susan (Sept. 1). This journey has taught us that every day is a gift, and to celebrate another year is something none of us take for granted!"

Ministry of the Month (August): Jesse and Jari Rodriguez.