



CALVARY ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 18th

Please make plans to attend our congregational meeting on January 18th. There will be a fellowship meal after the worship service, and the meeting will start immediately following. Please email the reports due on January 4th, so they can be made available no later than January 11th. The Annual Report will be emailed. *Printed copies will be made available only by request.* You are encouraged to read through the reports before the meeting. The nominating committee welcomes input from anyone interested in serving or who has suggestions to offer. If you'd like more information, contact a committee member or the office. (Joel Christenson, Linda Saurer, and Dean Lundby) or the Calvary office.

LIFE SUNDAY & HEALTH RESOURCES CENTER

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is January 18th. This year's theme is "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made." This Life Sunday 2026 theme is based on Psalm 139:13: "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb." We recommend the following organizations if you are looking for resources or more information: Health Resources Center (in Fergus Falls), Lutherans for Life, Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, Heartbeat International, and Focus on the Family.

FREE LUTHERAN SEMINARY SYMPOSIUM

What role do beauty and aesthetics play in the Christian life? Join us as we examine the historical relationship between

the church and various art forms, which ultimately point us to the beauty of the Gospel. This year's featured speaker is Dr. Mark Mattes, who is Chair of Doctoral Studies at American Lutheran Theological Seminary and author of *Martin Luther's Theology of Beauty: A Reappraisal*. The Free Lutheran Seminary hosts this symposium with the purpose of building up the congregation through the careful study of theological topics at an academic level. Pastors, lay leaders, congregation members, and even teens are welcome to register! Check flbc.edu for more information.

MISSION UPDATES

The balances through November for our mission commitments (giving \$400/month to each):

LEE FAMILY \$1746

ALASKA RADIO \$6090

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 10, 2025, 8:15 pm

Opening Prayer – Ben

Gospel Moment – Pastor Gary

Approved Council Meeting

Minutes of December 10, 2025

Deacons' Report- was reviewed

Pastor Gary's Report- none

Pastor Eric's Report- verbal report given

Trustee Report and Activity- Working on the following:

- Heat tape for roof valleys
- Checking thermostat programming
- Furnace filter checks

Financial Reports– Val Lundby
General Fund Beginning Balance: (3,408.34)

Changes to General Fund:

Net Income (Loss) 5,330.22

Transfer in from Harvest Festival 3,484.00

General Fund Ending Balance: 5,804.53

Noteworthy Income & Expense Items:

- Harvest Festival Transferred to Short Term Mission 1,983.00
- Harvest Festival Transferred to General Fund 3,484.00
- Harvest Festival to MN Adult/Teen Challenge-Alex 2,733.00
- Harvest Fest total offering 8,200

Financial Reports were approved

Old Business

- Budget Review – Val presented the preliminary 2026 budget. The only items incomplete were salaries.

New Business

- Annual Meeting – Date set for January 18, 2026.
- Budget Approval – The group discussed salaries; yearly reviews are pending. Ben Christenson is working to set up times to review. Joel Kleinschmidt made a motion to approve the budget, with the addition of salaries as discussed, seconded by Joel Borowski. Motion carried.
- Call Committee Update – Ben Christenson and Wally Stommes, who are members of the Call Committee, said a letter was shared with the congregation on Monday, December 8th. They are currently evaluating other options, and the committee is meeting regularly.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Walkup

These minutes have been condensed to fit this format. A full version is available in the office.