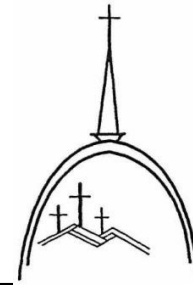


Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



Welcome to God's Family
Elizabeth Marie Newberg

The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Sunday, August 25, 2024 9:00 am

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Gathering Song "Thy Holy Wings" ELW 613

Holy Baptism (page 227) - Elizabeth Marie Newberg

Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith...

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome

We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share.

Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Gathering Song "When Morning Gilds the Skies" ELW 853 (vs. 1,3,5)

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Together we pray, **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

¹⁴ "Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶ **The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and rescues them from all their troubles.
- 18 **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.**
- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.
- 20 **He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.**
- 21 Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 **The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**
- Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; ¹¹ put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, ¹² for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness ¹⁵ and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172

Gospel: John 6:56-69

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Pastor Amy Juel

Song of the Day “Have No Fear, Little Flock” ELW 764

Prayers of the Church (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

Offering Response “Everything That We Have”

Everything that we have, everything that we are.

Every moment is a blessing from above.

It’s endless love that we breathe.

It’s endless love that we receive.

What has freely come, we now let freely go.

Offertory Prayer

Together we pray, **Generous God who gives us the gifts of life and love, we thank you for your blessings as well as your tough love. Help us to remember, everything that we have and everything that we are is a blessing from you. In your loving name we pray, Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer (p. 112)

Communion Music	"I Am the Bread of Life"	ELW 485
	"Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup"	ELW 492
	"Blessed Assurance"	ELW 638

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and Gracious God, We give you thanks for the gift of life, for the gift of Jesus our Savior, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and for the gift of this sacrament that nourishes our souls. Like a potter at the wheel you created us, shaping us in secret in the hidden depths. In your Holy name we pray.
Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sisters and brothers, go into the world with the mind of Christ. Go into the world to be the hands of Christ. Go into the world filled with the love of Christ. **Amen.**

Sending Song "You Are Holy" ELW 525

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Presiding: Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Communion Assistants: Cathy Halbritter, Brian Henrickson

Greeters: Jan & Colleen Ruby, Harland & Diane Asche

Lectors: Saturday - John Dean
Sunday - Joni Hanson

Office: Susan Martin

Sound: Dean Hanson

Video: David Sehloff

Weekly Attendance - 90
YouTube - 105
General Offering - \$7,625.95

Calvary Staff

Senior Pastor: Dwaine Sutherland
Associate Pastor: Amy Juel
Associate Pastor: Wayne D. Kopitzke
Director of Music Ministry: Naomi Powers-Baker
Office Manager: Paula Lueders
Office Assistant: Marie Fett
Custodians: Kim Schow & Ken Newberg
Head Usher: Randy Novak
Kitchen Coordinator: Enola Dowdell
Calvary Cemetery Sexton: Ron Keith

2024 Calvary Council Leaders

Mary Jo DeCathelineau - Congregational President - grant01@tds.net
Brian Henrickson - Vice President - brian.henrickson60@gmail.com
Bridget Pederson - Secretary - bridgetpederson@yahoo.com
Harley Aalfs
Shane Baker
John Dean
Bob Dickerson
Caleb Hanson
Lori Holmgren



Baptized into the life of Christ is Elizabeth Marie Newberg, daughter of Brady and Toni Newberg. Elizabeth's sponsors are Dylan & Kirstyn Oye.

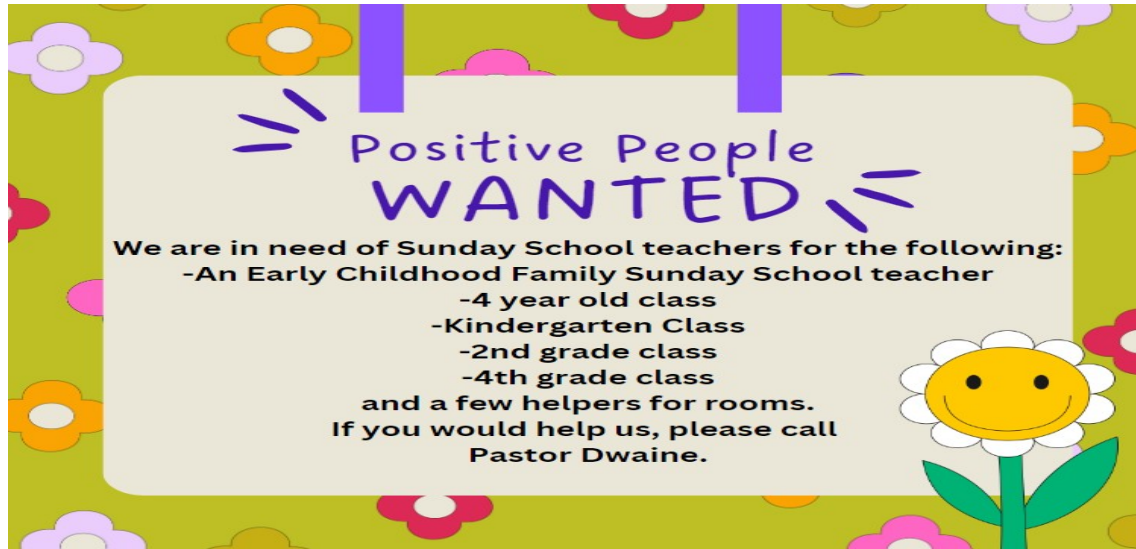
Welcome Elizabeth.

AUGUST 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 24th 5:30pm	Traditional Worship in the Chapel Pastor Amy Juel preaching
Sunday, August 25th 9:00am	Praise Band led Worship Pr Amy preaching, Pr Dwaine presiding Baptism
Saturday, August 31st 5:30pm	Traditional Worship Pastor Wayne Kopitzke preaching
Sunday, Sept. 1st 9:00am	Installation of Associate Pastor Amy Juel Pastor Seyward Ask preaching (SW MN Synod)

SEPTEMBER 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 1st	9:00am Installation of Associate Pastor Amy Juel Pastor Seyward Ask preaching (SW MN Synod)
Saturday, Sept. 7th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel Pr Wayne preaching
Sunday, Sept. 8th	9:00am Traditional Worship - (God's work. Our hands. to follow) Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, Sept. 14th	5:30pm Traditional Worship- Pr. Amy preaching (In the sanctuary for recording purposes)
Sunday, Sept. 15th 9:30am	9:30am OUTDOOR WORSHIP-RALLY SUNDAY Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr Dwaine presiding
Saturday, Sept. 21st	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Dwaine preaching
Sunday, Sept. 22nd	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
Saturday, Sept. 28th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Wayne preaching
Sunday, Sept. 29th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding



PLEASE WEAR NAME TAG

With Pastor Amy joining Calvary, please wear your name tags so she can get to know who you are. Thank you.

PASTOR AMY'S INSTALLATION

Pastor Amy's Installation into Calvary Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, September 1 at our 9:00am Service.** We will be serving cake and coffee in Bethany Hall following the service.

Please mark this on your calendars!

PLEASE KEEP US POSTED

When you have been hospitalized and then move into a health care facility, please contact the church office to let us know which facility you will be moving in to. The hospitals are not allowed to forward that information to our Pastoral Staff, and they would love to keep in contact with you after your hospitalization.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE WILLMAR COMMUNITY

Calvary is looking for volunteers to help welcome new families to Willmar by moving furniture. This is an opportunity to support Arrive Ministries in their work with refugees in the community. They have the furniture and transportation: our role is just to provide the hands and smiling faces to bring it into a family's new home, give a warm welcome and make some lasting connections. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help one time or even more than once. If you would like to be contacted when the need arises, or for more information, please contact David Sehloff, (920)809-6888, dsehloff@gmail.com.

CREATION CARE TIP

Use Cruise Control - Did you know cruise control actually consumes less fuel? In fact, cruise control could improve mileage by at least 15%, saving the environment, gas and money in the process. However, don't use cruise control on slippery roads!

BE THE GOOD

New to you Thrift store has a wonderful program called Be the Good. Donate your gently used clothing and household items, tell them to credit Calvary Lutheran Church and they will keep track of the donations. Each quarter they add up the donations and send Calvary Be the Good gift cards for us to give to people to shop in their store. Thank you to those who donated last quarter as Calvary just received five gift cards that we can in turn give back to the Community.

PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE NEEDED TO HELP FILL EMPTY SPOTS ON OUR USHER TEAMS!

We at Calvary have six teams of ushers. Each team is responsible for ushering at worship services two months out of the year. If you would like to help serve our awesome Calvary congregation, please let us know by calling the church office and we can put you on an ushering schedule. Thank you so much for your consideration of becoming an usher!

JOIN OUR BELL CHOIR!

Beginning September 9, our Bell Choir will begin. We meet every Monday from 5-6pm. No experience needed. Come and join us!



Treble from Down the Hall - August 2024 Naomi Baker

I have been doing one of my least favorite things—cleaning closets. The closets I'm cleaning happen to be in Calvary's choir room. One of the treasures I've found is a box of C.D.s from 1999. All of the music on the C.D.s is music of Calvary. If you would like one of these, stop at my office for a quick visit!

I have also come across a number of hymnals from years past. I will have those available as well.



ALSO-
Do you play flute?
Did you play flute and want to start up again?
Stop by, call, email or text me!

Until next time...Make a Noise!

**"There's a song in you and it wants to live outside of you.
The world and you both win when you express it."
John Jacobson**



Jeremiah 29:11-13 has been present all along my faith journey as an adult. One of those reoccurring things that pop up throughout our lives- giving us Déjà vu or making us wonder just what God is trying to tell us. I saw this verse as a young mother who was hearing a call to ministry but trying to ignore it, telling myself I wasn't smart enough, faithful enough, extroverted enough to go to Seminary. The Holy Spirit was trying to tell me that my plans were too small. I didn't listen. I kept volunteering, teaching, singing, but I didn't step out of my comfort zone.

A short time later, a friend and I were leading a women's retreat together. One of the theme verses was Jeremiah 29:11. We were talking about being BOLD in our faith, TRUSTING that God had plans for us that we don't even know about yet. Encouraging each other to GO and DO and TRY in Jesus' name. I was doing my best to walk alongside and cheer on these women in their faith journeys, but I didn't lead by example. I wasn't being bold and going, doing, and trying yet. It wasn't until another teaching experience with my friend when she was introducing me to one of the participants and she said, "I'd like you to meet Amy- she's going to be a pastor someday!" then I was struck by the realization that others were seeing God's plan for me. They were hearing the Holy Spirit's call into my life, and if I was too cowardly to put it into words, they most definitely were not!

It took a little longer for me to actually speak the words out loud for myself, "I want to be a pastor", and I wore out many a hand written copy of Jeremiah 29:11 in the years between walking into that first class on the Luther Seminary campus and walking that aisle at Vinje to my ordination at the altar. I still keep copies of those words in my house, my office, my car, my heart. I rely on the promise that God does indeed have a plan for my life (and yours!) and that the future is full of the hope that God holds for each of us.

I rely on those promises as I have for so many years and more so now I focus on verses 12 and 13- "When you pray, I will listen. If you look for Me in earnest, you will find Me when you seek me." When I'm wondering what plans God has for my young adult children, I seek God and I pray. When those same wonderful children said to me, 'Mom, you need a change- you've got gifts you're not using', I sought God and I prayed. When three of the matriarchs of my family left this earth to return to their heavenly home this spring and I felt deeply their loss and wondered who God wanted me to be in this stage of my life as one of this generation of family leaders, I looked for God and I prayed. As I am sitting here at Calvary, in this comfortable office, hearing the voices of my new friends down the hall, and I feel those feelings of wondering if I'm ready for all that's coming in the days and weeks ahead, I close my eyes and look to God and pray.

I pray that I may fulfill the plans and purposes that God has for me. I pray that I may enjoy the goodness that God pours into my life and trust that even what I perceive as disaster is something God will use for good. I pray that my future here at Calvary is one of BOLD witness, TRUSTING relationships, and much GOING and DOING and TRYING things according to the movement of the Holy Spirit!

Most of all, I pray for you, siblings in Christ. May we uphold each other as God's plans unfold and remind each other of the words of Jeremiah 29:11. May we encourage each other as we share joys and challenges and remind each other of Jeremiah 29:12-13.

God bless you, Pastor Amy

Have you been looking for something...

...Inviting?
Informal?
Imperfect?
Fun?

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel
beginning September 18th

All ages are welcome
No experience necessary
Favorite Songs you choose
Tips on the Voice & Vocal Health

See Naomi Baker for more info.

SINGING
FOR
FUN!

Favorite song suggestions are always welcome!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Lutheran Social Services are in desperate need of personal items for homeless young adults/teenagers who are being helped in our area. Needed items are hairbrushes, hair clip/ties and scrunchies, shampoo and conditioner (regular or small size), deodorant, shave gel, tampons, toothpaste (regular or small), toothbrushes, nail clippers, medicated ChapStick, bug spray, diapers size 5 or 6 and baby wipes. Look for the poster and the bin.

We will collect these items through September. Thank you, Calvary!

Social Kindness Committee

OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 2, 2024 in observation of Labor Day



WHY SINGING IS BAD FOR YOU (and why you shouldn't stop doing it)

People don't often talk about the downsides of singing. Yes, we bang on about the health benefits, social aspects, etc. but seldom mention the bad bits.

Here are 7 terrible things that might happen to you if you start singing.

1. singing can become addictive – once you start singing, it's very hard to stop. It's such an enjoyable activity that you will start noticing it everywhere and begin to take every opportunity you can to sing.
2. singing takes up valuable time – you start by joining a choir once a week, then you do concerts at the weekends, then all those social events, and that great weekend workshop ... before you know it, it's taken over your whole life.
3. you will abandon your friends and family – and spend more time with your new singing chums and on the tour bus and in the pub after the concert (and after weekly rehearsals). You'll also be listening to more CDs on your own, checking out YouTube videos, learning lyrics, etc. No time left for family and friends at all.
4. you will become unbearable to live with – singing makes you so happy that you will wear a constant smile and be humming along all day long in a state of bliss, much to the annoyance of everyone you live with (who will be insanely jealous).
5. singing stops you sleeping – after rehearsal or performance you will be so buoyed up with enthusiasm and joy that you will find it hard to come down off Cloud 9. Not only that, but you'll have all those wonderful tunes bouncing around inside your head. Sleep – who needs it??!!
6. you will spend more money – nice new costume for the next gig, more CDs, songbooks, weekend workshops, maybe even a musical instrument.
7. you might lose your job – for some people singing takes over their lives entirely and they end up singing the whole time. They turn professional or start leading a choir of their own, and before they know it, they have a new career.

So be warned: approach singing with caution. Once you start you might not be able to stop. And it's like a virus which you can easily pass onto someone else. Remain alert at all times in case the bug gets you!

Chris Rowbury's website: chrisrowbury.com



Sunday, Sept. 8th!



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

**ALL are invited
to participate!**

If you have
ideas for
additional
activities,
please
contact
Naomi

A light lunch will be provided beginning at 11:00am

Current planned activities are:

- Cleaning the sanctuary and chapel (Worship Committee)
- Cleaning up the outdoor Calvary property (Creation Care)
- Assembling Activity Kits for Camp Noah (Social Kindness)
- Assembling *Goodie Boxes (Social Kindness)

**If you know of someone going out into the work force or furthering their education after high school, send their address to nbaker@calvarywillmar.org or drop it off at the church office and we will mail them a personally packaged goodie box! Please do this by September 1st so we can prepare. Thanks!*

Helpers are welcome (and needed) for ALL activities!



RALLY DAY

Sunday
September 15, 2024
9:30am Outdoor Worship

**Join us for fun and
games following
worship!**

If you or a loved one would like a pastoral visit (ill, hospitalized, or just because), please contact:

Senior Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
 (651) 500-7657 - dsutherland@calvarywillmar.org
 Associate Pastor Amy Juel
 (320) 282-2225 - ajuel@calvarywillmar.org
 Associate Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
 (320) 841-1951 - revwayne100@gmail.com

Our pastors are always willing to provide support in time of need.

Sunday, August 25

9:00am Worship Service
 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Tuesday, August 27

6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
 7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

Thursday, August 29

9:30am Text Bible Study - Friendship Room
 1:00pm Quilters

Saturday, August 31

10:00am Baby Shower - Morgan Kurth
 5:30pm Chapel Service

Sunday, September 1

9:00am Worship Service - Pastor Amy Installation
 10:00am Cake and Coffee after 9:00 am service for Pastor Amy Installation
 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

2024 Financials July & YTD						
	July Actual	July Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 57,775.69	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (9,611.81)	\$ 406,315.50	\$ 471,712.50	\$ (65,397.00)
Expenses	\$ 59,506.02	\$ 67,352.21	\$ (7,846.19)	\$ 444,046.36	\$ 471,465.93	\$ (27,419.57)
Net Income	\$ (1,730.33)	\$ 35.29	\$ (1,765.62)	\$ (37,730.86)	\$ 246.57	\$ (37,977.43)