



LUTHERAN CHURCH
302 OLENA AVENUE SE
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

The Weekly Messenger *February 3, 2023*

The next Messenger will be mailed on February 10th. It is available weekly via email.
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

Worship services:

Saturday Chapel Service: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:15 am
in the Sanctuary

Svea: Sunday at 11:00 am



ECFSS (Early Childhood Family Sunday School)
Sunday February 5th at 9:05 am



SCOUT SUNDAY **FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

Please join us Sunday February 5th for Scout Sunday. There will be a chili feed after the 10:15 service.



Adult Forum

Sunday February 5, 2023
9:05 - Friendship Room

The Social Issues of Our Time.



Cookie Decorating Grades 7-12

Come and enjoy sprinkles, frosting, and cookies!

Grades 7-12 are invited to a Cookie Decorating and Games Event on Sunday, February 5, from 4-6 pm in Bethany Hall. Be ready for tasty treats and fun. Feel free to bring a friend!

Valentines Dinner

No plans for Valentines Day?

Don't stay home alone!

Join us Tuesday February 14th, at 5:30pm.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or
call the church office at 235-2508.

Living as Saints – Lent 2023

Lent is a time of renewal. Join us Wednesday evenings as we remember that we are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection and reborn saints, beloved children of God. We'll hear from various speakers about their lives as saints. Our weekly themes will be:

- Feb.22 – Marked with the Cross
- Mar.1 – Inheritance of Faith
- Mar.8 – Perseverance with Endurance
- Mar.15 – Faithful in Prayer
- Mar.22 – Striving for Justice
- Mar.29 – Dying and Rising with Christ.

A free-will offering meal of soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:15. Then, worship with Holden Evening Prayer will be held at 6:15.



2023 Lenten Offerings

February 22 Ash Wednesday—Lutheran Social Service
March 1—Calvary Creation Care
March 8—Calvary Family Promise
March 15—Calvary Camp Scholarships
March 22—Lutheran Disaster Response for the Ukraine
March 29—Safe Avenues
April 6—Calvary Youth and Eagles Nest

Be a Sponsor!

Want to help a kid go to camp this summer? We are looking for sponsors for the 2023 Bible Camp season. Forms will be in your bulletins this weekend or pick one up at the office! Cost is \$128 for one day, \$320 for Half Blast, and \$640 for a full week.

You may either drop off a check at the office or you can donate through our website: calvarywillmar.org.





Camp registration is open!

Join us for our week at The Shores of St Andrew (week 3), June 25th - 29th. Calvary will also pay \$160 for Half Blast or \$320 for Andy's Gang or Trailblazers. When you register, make sure you are using the grade your child will be completing, not what they will be in the fall. If you register by Feb 16th, you will receive an early bird discount of \$50, and you can use code **Launch 23** for an extra \$10 off! We want all of Calvary's kids to be able to go to camp. **Click the link below to get started!**

If you need help, contact Erica Mathews: 320-444-0626 - erica@calvarywillmar.org

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries



EXCITING NEWS! Our church leadership has decided it is time for a new directory. Our dates for photography will be March 21st – 24th from 2pm – 8:30pm and Sat March 25th from 10:30 – 5pm. Don't worry, we have additional dates in May for those of you not able to join us in March. Please note we prefer to fill the March dates first.



There are 2 ways to schedule; To make an appointment online go to www.ucdir.com or use the QR code posted, click on the Photography appt login, enter church code **mn340** and the password is **photos**. Both are case sensitive. The second would be to sign up between services or after the 10:15am service on Feb 12th, 19th or 26th.

We will need volunteers to help with the sign up process between the 8am and 10:15 service, and after the 10:15am service to sit by the laptops and help sign families up. We will also need hosts and hostesses for the days of photography. Please let the church office know if you can be of help. If you have questions please direct to Naomi Baker or Erica Mathews.



LEAD PASTOR

Calvary Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation is seeking a Lead Administrative Pastor.

The Congregation has 2586 baptized members with 1992 confirmed members as of 12/31/22. Please share this information in order to reach out to possible candidates.

The church's Ministry Site Profile is available on the Southwestern Minnesota Synod website and the ELCA website.

Questions can be directed to Wayne Nelson, Chairperson of the Call Committee at 320-212-7987 or Bishop Dee Pederson at 507-637-3904.

Thank you

Faith Formation Coordinator - P/T



Calvary Lutheran is searching for a Faith Formation Coordinator to provide leadership for our Sixth Grade to young adult ministry. This work involves collaborating with the Pastor of Faith Formation, the faith formation committees, and others in the congregation to provide young people and their families opportunities for growth and connection within a safe and nurturing environment. This is a 20-25 hours per week position compensated on an hourly basis. Please contact Pastor David Severtson if you are interested: pastordavids@calvarywillmar.org, 920-264-4764. (posted 1/23/2023)

[Click here for full job description](#)



USHERS WANTED FOR FEBRUARY

We are in need of ushers for the last three Sundays in February for both 8:00am & 10:15am services. Contact Dennis Eastman if you can help 320-905-0471.

Calvary Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA

The year 2022 was again a very quiet year for the women's circle groups. There were no mission projects to report on.

In November the Calvary Women's Circle Board held a virtual meeting to disburse our annual giving of funds to the following organizations.

\$ 500.00	Willmar Food Shelf
\$ 500.00	Meals on Wheels
\$1,000.00	Calvary Youth
\$ 500.00	Grief Care
\$1,426.88	Bethany Hall for Tablecloths
\$ 500.00	Doing Days
\$ 500.00	Family Promise – Calvary Lutheran Church
\$ 500.00	Family Promise – Kandiyohi County
\$ 350.00	American Cancer Society (local chapter)
\$ 500.00	Safe Avenue
<u>\$ 350.00</u>	Salvation Army
\$6,626.88	Total

Respectfully submitted,
Calvary Women's Circle Board

Grief Care

Grief Care meets on Mondays at 5:15 pm in the Friendship Room. All are welcome!



Bell Choir

Bell Choir rehearses on Mondays, 5-6 pm. New members welcome. No experience necessary!

Text Bible Study

Join us Thursdays at 9:30 am
in the Friendship Room.

All are welcome!



Gather Bible Study for Women

Third Wednesday each month, 10:00 am, in the
Friendship Room.

Doing Days Quilters

Join us for quilting on Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 pm, in
Bethany Hall. All are welcome! No experience necessary.



Weekly Devotionals

Attention: If you'd like to keep receiving the weekly "Taking Faith Home" devotional
to your email, please let us know at: calvarylutheran@calvarywillmar.org. Thank you!



Confirmation Dinner Menu

February 8th - Pasta, salad & fruit

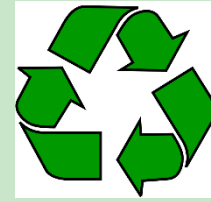
NAME TAGS ARE IN!

If you ordered a name tag, they are in! Stop at the
office to pick up.



Plastic Film Recycling

We have earned our third bench! Although we cannot begin our fourth challenge for a few months, we will keep recycling. Great job, Calvary!



2022 Financials December & YTD

	December Budget	December Actual	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 72,110.40	\$ 104,863.84	\$ 32,753.44	\$ 865,325.00	\$ 819,240.06	\$ (46,084.94)
<i>1 time only ERC (Employee Retention Credit)</i>					\$ 73,844.64	
Expenses	\$ 75,329.03	\$ 70,163.35	\$ (5,165.68)	\$ 903,948.03	\$ 883,015.23	\$ (20,932.80)
	\$ (3,218.63)	\$ 34,700.49	\$ 37,919.12	\$ (38,623.03)	\$ 10,069.47	\$ 48,692.50

2023 Calvary Council Leaders

Shawn Swenson - Congregational President

Mary Jo de Cathelineau - Vice President

Bridget Pederson - Secretary

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance - 225
YouTube - 123 households

Hospitalized This Week: Rob Hjelle, Maxine Sweeter.

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Cory de Cathelineau, son of Mary Ellen de Cathelineau.

Worship service is rebroadcast at 10:45 am on KWLM 1340 AM and 96.3 FM
(Vikings game rescinds the broadcast)

TV broadcast on WRAC channel 181:

Tuesdays at 9:30 am & 6:30 pm, Sundays 1:00 pm & 8:00 pm

YouTube channel: Calvary Lutheran Church Willmar



Announcements and other items for The Messenger are due by Wednesday at noon to be included in Friday's newsletter. Thank you!

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