



LUTHERAN CHURCH
302 OLENA AVENUE SE
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

The Weekly Messenger *February 10, 2023*

The next Messenger will be mailed on February 24th. 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



Adult Forum

Sunday February 19, 2023
9:05 - Friendship Room

Pastor Dean E. Johnson
Preview of the Lenten Season
"Living as Saints"

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 - Karen Schueler (Svea)
- Mar.8 – Perseverance with Endurance - Dr. Jeff Holm
- Mar.15 – Faithful in Prayer - Joan Hanson
- Mar.22 – Striving for Justice - Briana Broberg
- Mar.29 – Dying and Rising with Christ. - Thomas Bonnema

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



Calvary Easter Choir

Keep watch for information on a Calvary Easter Choir! Plans are to rehearse Wednesday evenings after Lenten services.



Interim Pastor David Wall

We are excited to announce that Pastor David Wall will be joining Calvary's staff as Interim Supply-Preaching Pastor. He will be preaching the following weekends March 25-26, April 15-16th and May 6-7th. Pastor Wall had previously served Calvary as Interim Pastor.

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. 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.

Calvary Lutheran Church

is looking for a multi-talented shepherd to lead our flock.

- *ELCA Congregation
- *2500 Baptized members
- *Together in Christ Empowered to be and Make Disciples
- *Committed to developing a stronger electronic presence
- *Located in Willmar, Minnesota "Where the Lakes Begin"
- *Beautiful rural area with local, regional & State Parks
- *Culturally diverse community 2 hours west of Mpls/St Paul

Click here for the church's Ministry Site Profile.

It is also available on the Southwestern Minnesota Synod and ELCA websites

Questions can be directed to Chairperson Wayne Nelson at 320-212-7987 or Bishop Dee Pederson at 507-637-3904



Is God calling you to walk with us?

Faith Formation Coordinator - P/T



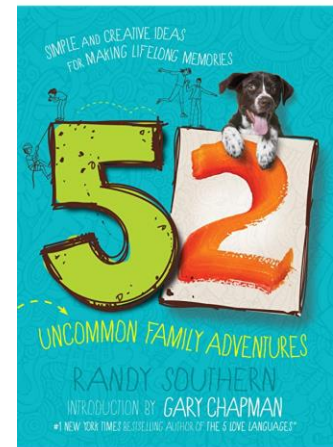
Calvary Lutheran is searching for a Faith Formation Coordinator to provide leadership for our Sixth Grade to young adult ministry. This work involves collaborating with the Pastor of Faith Formation, the faith formation committees, and others in the congregation to provide young people and their families 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](#)

Library News

Stop by the library and check out this new book: Connect with your family without breaking the bank.

52 Uncommon Family Adventures helps you do just that, without all the hassle and stress. Whether it's a family pillow fight, a lip-sync competition, or Toilet Paper Olympics, give your family the gift of lifelong memories while having fun, connecting spiritually, and speaking each other's love languages. Enjoy all the benefits of the quality time you dreamed of without all the pressure of advanced planning. Put down the phones, turn off the TV, and start making some memories together today.



2023 Calvary Council Leaders & Members

The Calvary Church Council met on Tuesday February 7, 2023. The following nine Council Members under the revised Constitution are:

One year Term

Shawn Swenson, Chair
Corey Nelson
Amber Willis

Two Year Term

Mary Jo de Cathelineau, Vice Chair
Caleb Hanson
Janel Skindelien,

Three Year Term

Bridget Pederson, Secretary
Shane Baker
Brian Henrickson

We thank each of these members for their willingness to serve.

Creation Care Tips

Use Serif Fonts – Serif fonts tend to use less ink, as the lines are thinner. Century Gothic, for example, uses on average 30% less ink than Arial. The top five fonts according to printer.com for low ink usage are Century Gothic, Times New Roman, Calibri, Verdana, and Arial.

**No Grief Care Monday February 13th
Will resume on February 20th at 5:15pm**



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.

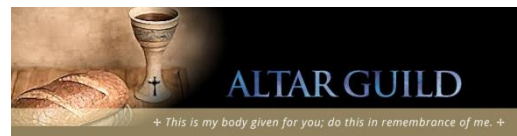
In November the Calvary Women's Circle Board held a virtual meeting to disburse our annual giving of funds to the following organizations.

\$ 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

Altar Guild

The next Altar Guild meeting in Thursday February 16th at 6:00pm in the Friendship Room.





**No Bell Choir February 13th
will resume on February 20th at 5:00pm**

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.
Next meeting Wednesday February 15th. Pastor Dean - The Ten
Commandments Revisited!

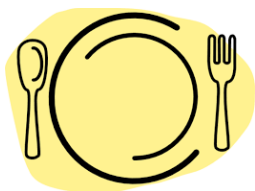
Doing Days Quilters

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 15th - Chicken Sandwiches, Chips & Vegetables

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!



2023 Financials January

	January Budget	January Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 67,779.13	\$ 63,296.54	\$ (4,482.59)
Expenses	\$ 69,139.85	\$ 66,244.62	\$ (2,895.23)
	\$ (1,360.72)	\$ (2,948.08)	\$ (1,587.36)

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance - 277
YouTube - 167 households
Last weeks general offering - \$25,601

Hospitalized This Week: Rob Hjelle, Deena Hillenbrand

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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