



LUTHERAN CHURCH  
302 OLENA AVENUE SE  
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

## *The Weekly Messenger* *February 17, 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



### **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.

A poster with a dark background and colorful geometric patterns. The text "READY SET GLOW" is in large, bold, yellow and pink letters. Below it, in smaller yellow text, are the details of the event.

**READY  
SET  
GLOW**

GRADES 2ND - 4TH ARE INVITED TO  
A GLOW PARTY MARCH 19TH FROM  
4PM - 6PM.  
COST IS \$5.00 PER CHILD AND  
INCLUDES HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND  
WATER.  
REGISTRATION CAN BE PICKED UP  
WITH ERICA MATHEWS OR IN THE  
CHURCH OFFICE.



## 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](mailto:erica@calvarywillmar.org)

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

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### Adult Forum

Sunday February 19th, 9:05am in the Friendship Room by Pastor Dean, The Ten Commandments Revisited.



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Please join us in congratulating the 2nd grade class as they will have their 1st Communion on Sunday, March 5th at 10:15 am. In the Narthex are the prayer boxes they have decorated. We would love for the congregation to write them a special prayer or a favorite bible verse and place them in their prayer boxes. Paper is available on the table by the boxes.



**EXCITING NEWS!** Our church leadership has decided it is time for a new directory. Our dates for photography will be March 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 8:30pm and Sat March 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



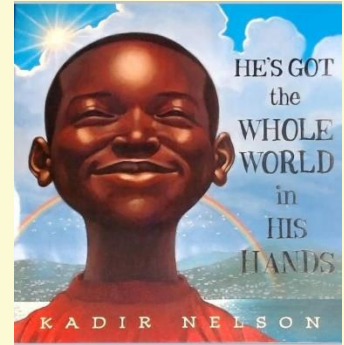
There are 2 ways to schedule; To make an appointment online go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) or use the QR code posted, click on the Photography appt login, enter church code **mn340** and the password is **photos**. Both are case sensitive. The second would be to sign up between services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

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.



## Library News

Stop by the library and check out this new book: ***He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*** is a picture-book interpretation of one of America's best-known songs, focusing on landscapes and images of a boy and his family. Includes printed melody-line and all four verses.



**THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AT CALVARY IS FAST APPROACHING. LAST YEAR WE FILLED 2500 EGGS. THIS YEAR WE HAVE 5000 TO FILL! THIS EVENT IS TRULY MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM OUR CONGREGATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE EGG HUNT, YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT THE OFFICE OR WITH 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](mailto:pastordavids@calvarywillmar.org), 920-264-4764. (posted 1/23/2023)

*[Click here for full job description](#)*



## Office Assistant - PT

Calvary Lutheran is looking for a part time paid office position. If interested please contact Pastor Dean E. Johnson at [pastordean@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:pastordean@calvarywillmar.org) or call 320-260-3642.

## Creation Care Tip

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** – Notice the order! Reducing is the most important and reusing is next. It actually takes a lot of energy to recycle. Try to think about reusing something before putting it in the recycle bin.



## Grief Care

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



## 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!

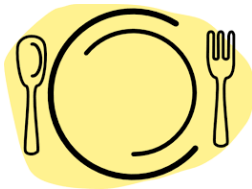


## Gather Bible Study for Women

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.



## Confirmation Dinner Menu

February 22nd - Taco Salad, fruit & veggies

## 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 - 239***

***YouTube - 81 households***

***Last weeks general offering - \$12,411.22***

Hospitalized This week: Rob Hjelle, Wayne Johnson, Marilyn Nordstrom, Maxine Sweeter, Mike Gimp

Our prayers and sympathy to the families of Russell Onnen, Father of Linda Weitzel, the Doug Kveene family for the loss of his mother.

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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

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*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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**Prayer Requests**

**Weekly Calendar**

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