



LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

The Weekly Messenger *February 24, 2023*

**The next Messenger will be mailed on March 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



**Worship
Service**
Season of Lent

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be observed

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

Enola Dowdell Recognition

As a congregation we wish to show our appreciation and thanks to Enola Dowdell for many years as our Kitchen Coordinator. Enola has graciously organized Wednesday evening Confirmation meals, Sunday morning coffee and receptions for funerals and memorials. We are truly thankful for Enola's service to our congregation.

Enola will be recognized at our two worship services this Sunday March 26th.



Adult Forum

Sunday February 26th, 9:05am in the
Friendship Room - Dean Johnson



From Down the Hall by Naomi Baker

Welcome to the first of monthly newsletter updates in Calvary's music world! In this space we can connect on the many aspects and opportunities Calvary has for YOU! Useful information and requests for feedback will be part of this column.

First off, we are in Lenten season. Wednesday evenings we will be using Holden Evening Prayer. This is a favorite of many. If you would like to be a song leader, please contact me. Song leaders can be 1 or more people. If you are interested and would like to practice ahead of time, I am available or I can make a recording for you.

Of course, with Lent comes Easter! A Calvary Easter Choir will be rehearsing following Wednesday evening services the following dates: 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 and following the Good Friday service 4/7. Please contact me ASAP so I can choose music accordingly.

Until next time.....

"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

FIRST COMMUNION

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.



The Call Committee continues its work to search for a Lead Pastor for Calvary Lutheran Church. Our last meeting on Monday, February 21st offered some encouragement but no candidate names for us to consider. We engaged in a brainstorming session on ways to market the opportunity to serve our congregation and draw more interest from candidates. We are currently seeking input from a marketing company on ways to show candidates all the positive aspects of our position, our congregation and our community. We did provide Bishop Dee Pederson with two names from committee members for the synod to seek permission to contact these ministers since they are outside the SW Synod and gauge their interest in Calvary's opening.

If anyone of our church congregation members has a name of a potential candidate, please provide that name to any of the Call Committee members and the name will be forwarded to the Synod and they will initiate their process.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers as we move forward in this call.

Wayne S. Nelson, Call Committee Chair



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.



March is Food Shelf Month

March is the month that we emphasize the need to stock the shelves at the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. Although food and monetary donations can be given at any time, we have designated a food shelf weekend of Saturday and Sunday March 25th and 26th.

We ask that you bring non-perishable food or monetary donations that weekend, to be received in a processional offering.

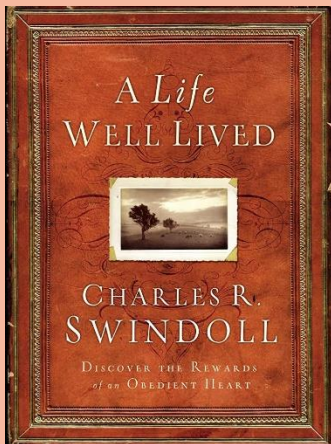
Up until that final weekend, we are also asking the Sunday School and Confirmation students to participate:

- March 4, 5 and 8 - Canned fruit, vegetables or meats (Spam, tuna, etc.)
- March 11, 12 and 15 - soups
- March 18, 19 and 22 - Cereals, granola bars
- March 25, 26 and 29 - Pasta noodles, mac and cheese, hamburger helper, etc.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and join us in the special fundraiser. Our Kandiyohi County Food Shelf served over 500 households PER MONTH in 2022 and gave out 420,000 lbs. of food!

Thank you Calvary for your generous giving to the needs of our community.

Social Kindness Committee

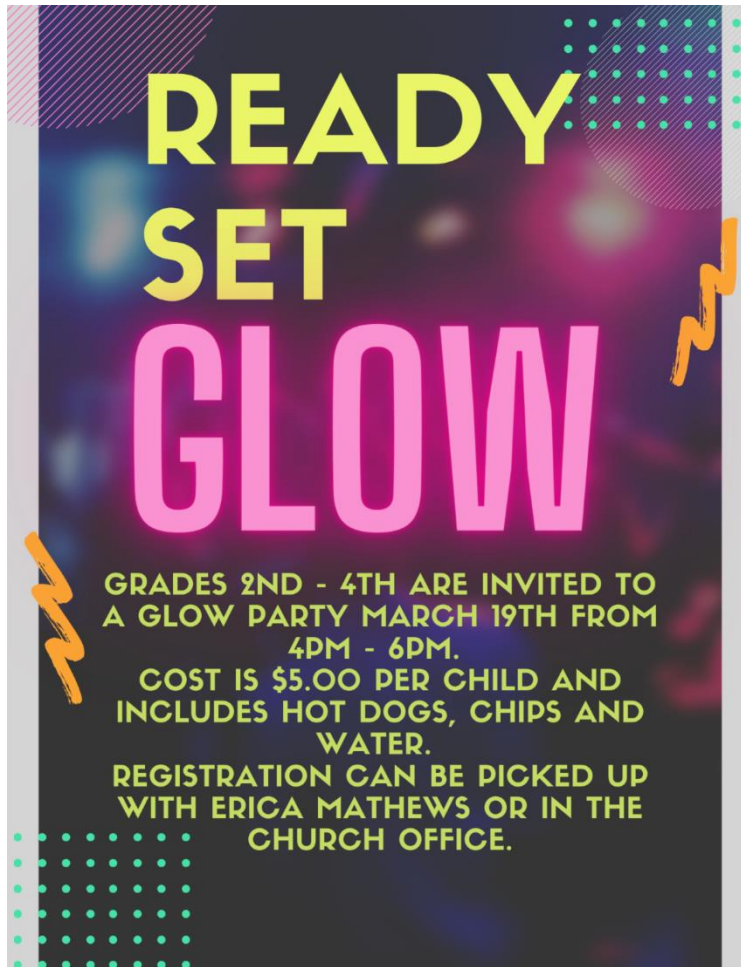


A Life Well Lived

Once again Calvary is offering a Lenten Women's Bible Study featuring A Life Well Lived by Charles Swindoll, Monday, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 at 9:00am in the Friendship Room.

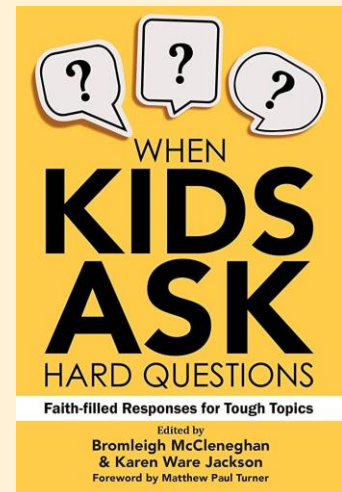
This will be a video presentation with discussion . The book is optional but can be ordered through Teri in the office.

For further information contact Marcia Knutson 320-295-3753 or Carolyn Gripenrog 320-235-3799.



Library News

Stop by the library and check out this new book: The world is a confusing and painful place for children (and adults). How do you respond faithfully to your kids' big questions? Learn to craft faithful conversations and be better prepared to talk about the tough stuff with your kids. More than 30 essays from a diverse group of young Christian parents/pastors address today's toughest topics, including gender, race, bullying, mental illness, death, divorce, money, technology, and generosity. ***When Kids Ask Hard Questions*** invites you to take a deep breath, create safe spaces for the hard conversations, and speak the truth in love.



The background of the poster is a vibrant orange and yellow circular pattern resembling a pizza. It is decorated with various food items like pepperoni, mushrooms, and olives, as well as game pieces like a die and a spinner.

PIZZA & GAME NIGHT

GRADES 5TH AND 6TH

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
PIZZA AND GAMES AT
CALVARY ON MARCH 26TH
FROM 6-8PM. COST IS \$5.00
PER STUDENT. REGISTRATION
FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP
AT ERICA MATHEWS OFFICE
OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

The background of the poster is a light blue gradient. The bottom half features a close-up photograph of several colorful Easter eggs in shades of pink, yellow, and teal, some decorated with white stars and stripes.

**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



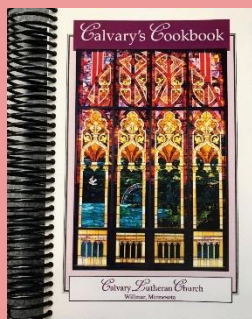
Calvary Lutheran is searching for a Faith Formation Coordinator to provide leadership for our Sixth Grade to young adult ministry. This work involves collaborating with the Pastor of Faith Formation, the faith formation committees, and others in the congregation to provide young people and their families 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, 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 or call 320-260-3642.



What's for dinner?

Calvary's cookbook has great recipes that will help you plan your next meal.

Pick one up at the office for only \$5.00.

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!



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.



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 - 236
YouTube - 90 households
Last weeks general offering - \$24,550

Hospitalized This week: Rob Hjelle, Mike Gimpl, Lu Morphew, Sandy Kemnitz

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Maxine Sweeter

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!

Prayer Requests

Weekly Calendar

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