



LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## *The Weekly Messenger* *March 17, 2023*

The next Messenger will be mailed on March 24th. It is available weekly via email.  
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.



### **Worship Service** Season of Lent

#### Worship services:

Saturday Chapel Service: 5:30 pm

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

Wednesday Lenten Service: 6:15  
(Meal 5:15)

Svea: Sunday at 11:00 am



### **Easter Floral Splendor**

Our tradition of filling the sanctuary and other spaces around the building with beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers continues. These are provided in honor and in memory of loved ones. You are invited to purchase a plant(s) for \$10.00 each.

**Friday March 31st is the last day to order your flowers.** Forms are available at the office, make checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church.

## 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:

- Mar.22 – Faithful in Prayer - Joan Hanson
- 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

### Easter Choir

We currently have 4 people in our Easter Choir. If you would like to join, please contact Naomi soon so she can choose music accordingly. We will rehearse next Wednesday March 22nd following Lenten service.



## FOOD SHELF MONETARY DONATION



### Food Shelf Reminder

As an important part of Food Shelf Month, your monetary donations are used as follows: \$10 buys \$100 worth of food, \$20 buys \$200, etc.

We will chart the progress of our giving on the poster by the grocery cart. Your monetary donations can be brought to the office or put in the offering plate with Food Shelf noted on the envelope

Thank you Calvary!

Social Kindness Committee

## Calling All Brass Players

We are looking for additional brass players for Easter. Please contact Naomi asap.



## NTY

Spring is just around the corner and so is NTY! After a winter break, we will get together again on April 14th. More details to come.

# 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.

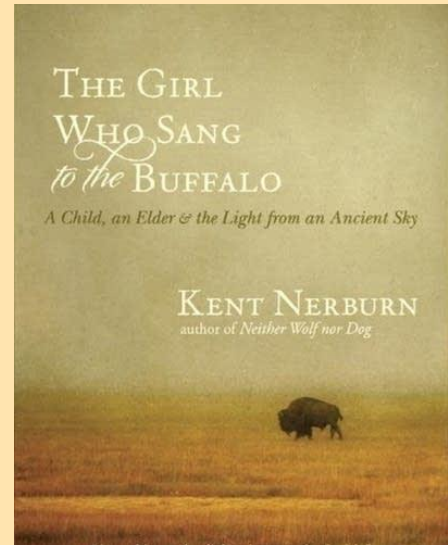


## Creation Care Tips

**Buy House Plants** - House plants not only add to the aesthetics of a home, but also maintain room temperatures by adding moisture to the air and reducing airborne bacteria, fungi and other unhealthy pollutants.

## Library News

Stop by the library and check out this fiction book for adults: **The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo** by Kent Nerburn. In this moving narrative, we travel through the lands of the Lakota and the Ojibwe, where we encounter a strange little girl with an unnerving connection to the past, a forgotten asylum that history has tried to hide. Part history, part mystery, part spiritual journey and teaching story, **The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo** is filled with the profound insight into humanity and Native American culture we have come to expect from Nerburn's journeys.



## Adult Forum

Sunday March 19th, 9:05am in the Friendship Room - Pastor Dean E. Johnson



## Egg Stuffers

A big Thank You to all the people that helped stuff 5,660 Easter Eggs!!

## 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 February & YTD

	February Budget	February Actual	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 67,779.17	\$ 84,877.51	\$ 17,098.34	\$ 135,558.30	\$ 148,174.05	\$ 12,615.75
Expenses	\$ 69,140.08	\$ 70,737.79	\$ 1,597.71	\$ 138,279.93	\$ 136,982.41	\$ (1,297.52)
	\$ (1,360.91)	\$ 14,139.72	\$ 15,500.63	\$ (2,721.63)	\$ 11,191.64	\$ 13,913.27

***Last Weekend's Worship Attendance - 185***  
***YouTube - 166 households***  
***Last weeks general offering - \$11,588.73***

Hospitalized This week: Rob Hjelle, Kyle Goosmann

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Mike Gimpl

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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



*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](#)**

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