



LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

The Calvary Messenger ***June 16, 2023***

Next Messenger will be sent out June 30, 2023.
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

Summer Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 PM

Chapel Worship

Sunday 9:00 AM Worship

10:30 AM Svea Worship

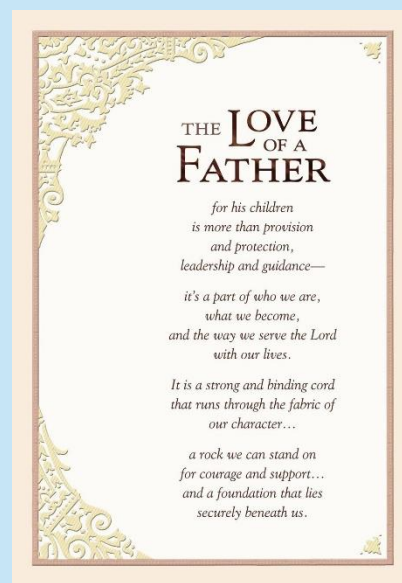
Blessed Father's Day to all of the "father figures in our lives!"

Father's Day Quotes:

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back,
nor a sale to take us there, but a guiding light
whose love shows us the way" - Unknown

"My Father didn't tell me how to live; he lived
and let me watch him do it." - Clarence
Budington Kelland

"A Father is someone you look up to no
matter how tall you grow." - Unknown



SWMN Assembly Highlights

I had the pleasure of representing Calvary at our synod assembly at Gustavus Adolphus College June 9-10. I have many things to report but since the deadline for the Messenger is today, I'll highlight a few things now and write more in the July Messenger-- IF at least 10 people mention this article to me. 😊

The theme was, "Embody the Word".

Dakota Road was the band

Bishop Dee presented valuable and inspirational messages (which should be available to watch online soon)

Pastor Naomi Mahler was officially installed as a Synod Minister.

Matt Bloom was the keynote speaker. Formally a professor at Notre Dame, Matt now researches the well-being of helping and healing professionals.

Many workshops were offered. I attended "Wait....Kids Are People?" and "Communities of Welcome".

I very much enjoyed attending and am hoping I have Calvary companions next year!
Naomi Baker



Summer Thoughts

School is out of session! Vacations are being planned! The corn, beans, sugar beets, flowers and gardens are growing! With the warm weather and outside activities, we have pretty much forgotten the cold and long winter we experienced. Yes, it is summer, and the days are longer and the darkness is shorter. It is a very good time of the year.

In our Faith and spiritually, it can also be a time of renewal and growth. We have recently observed Pentecost which was the gift of grace bestowed upon God's people long ago and it continues today. There may be new understanding in the ways of the Lord and His love and mercy towards us. We may have moments of doubt as the Disciples experienced but will experience a renewed and insightful thought. Faith is not a one and done experience, but like the crops and gardens, it takes time and patience. The end result is the grace and love of Christ that comes to us in differing ways.

June 5th, 2023, I celebrated my 50th year of Ordination. I am grateful to the Lord for all the blessings of ministry at Calvary and Svea. As a parish pastor, it has been a wonderful and fulfilling experience that you have given to me. So as the summer moves forward, we will be blessed by the pulpit supply of Pastors Ingrid Skilbred and Elizabeth Becker along with myself. We will be honored to serve Calvary and Svea Congregations and preach the Word of the Lord. So for summer thoughts, let us pray for our congregations and its people, be kind and understanding to one another and encourage each other as we see fit. The Lord has blessed us in many ways. My prayers and best to each of you and your loved ones.
Pastor Dean

Dear Calvary Lutheran Church Congregation:

It's been a while since you have heard from the Call Committee and our work. We have been presented with 5 resumes from prospective candidates and we have held interviews with two candidates.

Our very first candidate withdrew from consideration prior to his interview date. We think he decided to remain in his present call due to family considerations.

Our second set of candidates was a husband-and-wife couple serving separate congregations. We interviewed them and after analysis of those interviews, we extended an invitation to them to visit us in Willmar, see our church and community and conduct a second interview. They deliberated for approximately two weeks and eventually advised us they were also withdrawing from consideration of our positions at Calvary. I say positions because of their qualifications and experiences, we as a call committee sought and received permission from the Church Council to look at calling this couple to fill both our Lead Pastor and Associate Pastor positions. Unfortunately, they also had family situations that affected their decision to remove themselves from consideration.

We then received another submission of resumes from a couple located on the west coast. After review of their resumes, we decided not to move forward with an interview.

Since then, no one has submitted their resumes to us for consideration.

As stated, many times, we are focusing on obtaining the best possible fit for Calvary and its Lead Pastor. We are using whatever acceptable means of seeking candidates for our position of Lead Pastor. We ask for your continued prayers and support in our Call process. We continue to work with and appreciate the support afforded us by Bishop Dee Pederson in this process, along with other Synod staff. Once again, we solicit any names you might have for us to consider.

God be with us.

Submitted by Wayne S Nelson
Chair of Call Committee



Can you help us with our Youth Room?

Hi Calvary! First off, we would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to form a Youth Leadership Team here at Calvary and take some of the voice and decision making back. We have planned a few events so far and most recently planned our first Bible Study

for the Senior High ages. We have put together a "Wish List" on Amazon of some items we are hoping to get for the space. We attached the link below. Thank you all again!

Ryan Newberg, McKenna Mathews and Leiah Arends

[Youth Wish List](#)

We have a table set up at the East entrance where you can leave your extra garden produce to share with others. Parishioners may take what they need at no charge. Thank you for sharing!



From Down the Hall - JUNE EDITION

by Naomi Baker

Hello Friends and Happy June!

I appreciate the feedback Calvary members have been sharing with me. I hope you know I am always open to your feedback; it helps me help you! When organizing worship services, my goal is to make the liturgy and music connect with the scriptures/sermon and "speak" to you. I try to find a little something for everyone as we all have varying appreciations. For the summer months, Praise Band will lead worship the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of June and July and the 2nd Sunday in August. As for the other Sundays, I plan to play the organ for most, if not all. I know there are members who enjoy hearing the organ so I will keep practicing! 😊

I hope you got a chance to listen to the song I reviewed for you in the last Messenger. If you have a meaningful song you'd like to share, I'd love to hear about it. You are always welcome to stop by and chat or drop me an email at nbaker@calvarywillmar.org

Until next time, make a noise!

"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



Come worship and celebrate with us on Sunday, June 25th in honor of Pastor Dean's 50th year installation. Svea Congregation will be joining us for worship services and communion as well.

Cake and coffee will be served following the 9 am service.

Calvary kids ages 3 - 5th grade, we invite you to come June 19th at 6PM for a color run! We will be running around Calvary and the green space blocks while the youth spray you with colored powder! (Don't worry adults its non-toxic and washable) Wear white if you can. After we will have freezies. See you there!!

**JOIN THE SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY LED BY THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM
FOR GRADES 9 - 12TH (IN THE FALL)**

**JUNE
23RD
FROM
6 -
8:30
PM IN
THE
NEW
YOUTH
ROOM
2ND
FLOOR**



**FUTURES FOR
THE YOUTH**

**GRADES 7-12TH
JOIN US AT THE SKATIN
PLACE
JUNE 30TH**

**MEET IN THE CALVARY PARKING LOT
AT 4:30PM**

**COST WILL BE \$25 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES
SKATE RENTAL AND UNLIMITED PIZZA, POP, AND
LASER TAG. PLEASE EMAIL VICTORIA
(VLARSEN@CALVARYWILLMAR.ORG) IF YOU PLAN
ON COMING SO WE KNOW HOW MANY VEHICLES
WE WILL NEED.**



Here's to independence!

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

The Church Office will be closed Monday,
July 3 & Tuesday, July 4 in observation of
the holiday.

Family Promise News

On July 11, 2023, there will be an Open House at their new facility at 515 Pacific Avenue SW, Willmar.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony are at 11:00 - 1:00 and 4:00 - 6:00. It would be great to see you there!

Joni Hanson
Family Promise Coordinator



HOME COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of people who are willing to give home communion to our members unable to attend on communion Sundays. Contact the church office if interested.



Calvary and Vinje are going to a game! Stinger Tickets are available Sunday, July 23, 2023 for the 5:05 game. Tickets are \$20 each, which includes a food voucher (sandwich, chips, drink). If you are interested, please contact the church office to sign up. We would love to have you join us!





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We still have a few weeks we are in need of people to consider volunteering (3 times a week) to water our beautiful outdoor flowerpots located at our 3 church entrances and weeding as needed? A water hose will be provided. Call or stop by the office to sign up. Thank you for your consideration!



Textile Recycling

As we had to do previously, we are putting a hold on our textile recycling program until further notice.



[Click Here for Online Registration](#)

BeFriender at Calvary

What is the time commitment?

Typically, BeFrienders meet with individuals once or twice a month for 45-60 minutes, anywhere from 3 months to a year or more.

Length is determined by you
and your BeFriender.

BeFriender Leaders at Calvary:

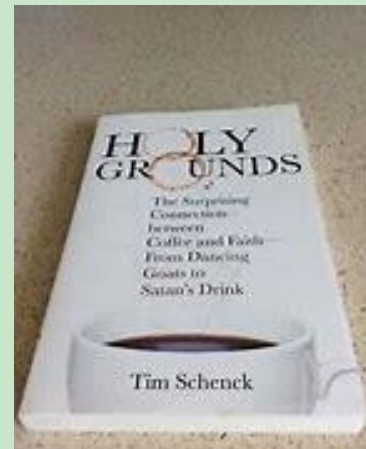
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Library News

If you like your coffee with a bit of inspiration, a hint of humor, and a dose of insight, you'll enjoy pouring a mug full of java and curling up with **Holy Grounds**. Popular author and avid coffee drinker Tim Schenck brews just the right blend of the personal and historical as he explores the sometimes amusing and often profound intersection between faith and coffee. From the coffee bean's discovery by ninth-century Ethiopian Muslims to being condemned as "Satan's drink" by medieval Christians, to becoming an integral part of Passover in America, coffee has fueled prayer and shaped religious culture for generations.



Summer Library Hours

1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, open before & after the 9:00 am service.



Creation Care Tip

Buy Local - Support farmers' markets to supplement your own garden or what you buy at the store. Buy meat from local producers. This helps reduce your carbon footprint.



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 May & YTD						
	May Budget	May Actual	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 67,779.17	\$ 49,017.66	\$ (18,761.51)	\$ 338,895.81	\$ 349,816.83	\$ 10,921.02
Expenses	\$ 69,140.08	\$ 46,670.03	\$ (22,470.05)	\$ 345,700.17	\$ 333,727.37	\$ (11,972.80)
	\$ (1,360.91)	\$ 2,347.63	\$ 3,708.54	\$ (6,804.36)	\$ 16,089.46	\$ 22,893.82

Weekend Attendance

June 3-4 - 277

June 10-11 - 207

YouTube - Sunday, June 4 - 57 households

YouTube - Sunday, June 11 - 40 households

General Offering - June 3-4 - \$10,230.95

General Offering - June 10-11 - \$16,334.78

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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