



LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

## ***The Calvary Messenger*** ***August 11, 2023***

**Next Messenger will be sent out August 25, 2023.**  
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Saturday 5:30 pm Chapel Service**  
**Sunday 9:00 am worship (Calvary)**  
**Sunday 10:30 am worship (Svea)**



#### **PREPARING OUR THOUGHTS**

We are now in the month of August, and we began to prepare our thoughts for the Fall activities and programs. 4-H Club members are planning and excited to exhibit their animals, grown garden products and other works at the County and State Fair. Fall sports will be in full action and preparations are being made for the beginning of the school year. Within the Church, we are preparing for Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, Grief Care, Baptisms and memorial services and weddings as these events come our way. We are reminded that we are Children of God and thru all of the planning and participation of these events, the Lord has promised to be with us. In the good times and well as the bad, He is present. On a personal note, Debbie and I want to thank the many members of Calvary and Svea Congregations for your support, encouragement and attending the Celebration of my 50<sup>th</sup> year of Ordination. Plans have been altered as I was going to retire on Aug

31, 2023, but in conversation with Calvary Leadership, I have agreed to continue as the Administration Pastor for both Calvary and Svea until Dec 31, 2023. We will be working to identify 1-2 other part time pastors to assist in the ministry of the 2 congregations as well. Your prayers and encouragement are most appreciated as we move forward together in the Kingdom of God. So, we continue to say and speak our prayers asking for the Holy Spirit to be with as a Congregations and our daily lives. The Spirit of the Lord is present with us and grants us faith in the good as well as the trying times of life. As the Psalmist proclaims, "Even though we walk thru the deep valley of life and death, I am with you and will always be Your God". Peace Be with each of you and your loved ones always. Pastor Dean

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time watering our beautiful outdoor flower containers. To keep these flowers showing their beauty, we would like to get additional volunteers to continue to water through September. Please call the office to sign up for a specific week.



**This summer Calvary was  
able to support 80 kids in  
camps and youth trips!  
80 young lives a little  
closer to God thanks to all  
of you!**

Two - \$20,000 anonymous gifts have been given to Calvary to be used to upgrade our technology and sound system. We are indeed grateful for the generosity of these two families! One contribution by a non-member and one from a long-time member family. These resources are to be matched up to \$100,000 from the Jerry Anderson Estate. The bid process is being worked on and it is estimated to be \$150,000 - \$160,000. If you would like to contribute, please contact Pastor Dean

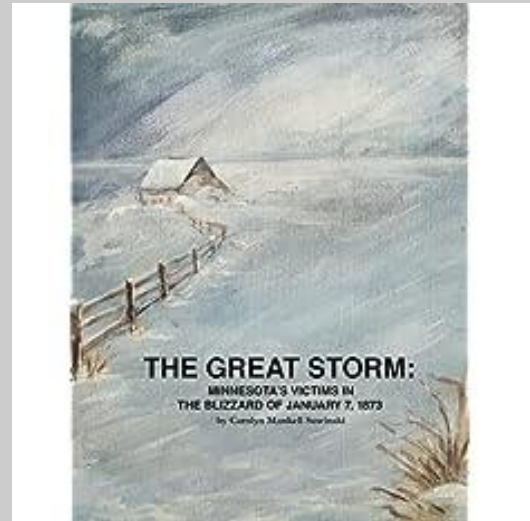


**NTY**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18**

While we are in the hot month of August, let's think about blizzards. Last winter was long, cold, snowy, and included several blizzards, but there have been also some deadly blizzards in Minnesota. Come to NTY on August 18<sup>th</sup> and hear **Carolyn Mankell Sowinski** talk about a 3-day blizzard which occurred 150 years ago. A resident of Bloomington, Indiana, Carolyn is a native of Lake Andrew Township and has written a book about this blizzard:

**The Great Storm: Minnesota's victims in the Blizzard of January 7, 1873.** In her presentation, she will talk about the 11 deaths in Kandiyohi County- though not all lived in the county. One of the deaths was Claus Strand from Whitefield Township. Claus's son, Jens S. Strand, was confirmed at Calvary in 1884. In the book, Jens is the son and nephew of a victim, and has a role as a pastor in the 1890's. Claus' widow, Hanna, married Lars Erickson & later they were members of Calvary. Please call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> to register. Invite someone who has never been to NTY. Cost will be \$7.00, payable the day of NTY. Please pay when you arrive and not at the church office. (Note that cancelations after Wednesday and no-shows will still require payment due to increased food costs.)

Thank you!



**August 20, 2023, Anniversary Program at the Norway Lake  
Lutheran Log Church**

**Log Church Anniversary**

To remind everyone of how quickly the weather can change on the Norway Lake prairie the Norway Lake Historical Association is inviting everyone to our 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event and program on Sunday, August 20 with a catered picnic dinner at 12:00 noon at the Log Church, 9601 195<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Pennock, MN. We will be:

- Eating from noon til 1 pm under the big tent
  - Program, Play and Readers theatre at 1:30 until about 3:00 pm
- The Perilous Snowstorm of 1873 by Norm Hande tells the harrowing story of several pioneers on their trip home from town.
- Carolyn Mankell Sowinski, Author of Almost Saved But Lost will recount the blizzard's impact on local families.
  - A little Lefse, coffee and visiting to follow
  - Tables and chairs are provided but you might want to bring a lawn chair.

**10th Grade Confirmation Orientation**

10th Grade Confirmation class and parent orientation will be on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 from 6:15 to 7:00 pm in the Friendship Room. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. The class will be taught by Pastor Dean. The regular 10th grade class will begin on September 6th. Confirmation is on Sunday, October 8th.

### 10th Grade Confirmands

Confirmation gown order forms have been sent out by email. Please fill out and return to the church office by August 31. Thank you!

### Save the Date for God's Work. Our Hands!

There will be opportunities/activities for all ages and abilities.  
More information to come.



### Grief Care

We will resume the Grief Care Group on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 5:15 to 6:30 pm in the Friendship Room. Pastor Dean will lead the discussion. Members - Guests - Relatives - Neighbors are all welcome! Bring a friend.







[Click Here for Online Registration](#)



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## "SINGING FOR FUN" QUESTIONNAIRE

I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW I LIKE TO SING.

I LIKE TO SING.

I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT I LIKE TO SING.

I DON'T THINK I SING WELL.

I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH

I ONLY LIKE SINGING FAMILIAR SONGS.

I WOULD SING IN A GROUP IF THERE WERE NO EXPECTATIONS.

I WOULD SING IN A GROUP IF THERE WERE NO PERFORMANCES.

I WOULD SING IN A GROUP IF IT DIDN'T MEET EVERY WEEK.



**IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO  
ANY OF THE ABOVE, YOU ARE QUALIFIED  
TO JOIN "SINGING FOR FUN" & YOU SHOULD  
CONTACT NAOMI FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

*This is NOT a performing choir.  
This is for anyone who likes singing. Period.*



## NEED ADDRESSES FOR RECENT GRADUATES

As part of God's work. Our hands., the Social Kindness Committee will be mailing goodie boxes to Calvary members' children and/or grandchildren who graduated from high school Spring of 2023. In order to do this, we need addresses for these young people whether they are at college or in the work force. Addresses may be sent to Naomi Baker at [nbaker@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:nbaker@calvarywillmar.org) or dropped off at the office. Stay tuned, we'll be asking for home baked cookies by Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>!

Thanks!

Naomi



We are seeking members for the Outreach Committee. One of the most important and exciting tasks of the Outreach Committee is to recommend to the Finance Committee the distribution of First Fruits which is 10% of the Calvary's General Fund. Below, you can read more about the committee.

*The Board of Outreach shall be primarily responsible to develop policy for and see to the effective and spiritual carrying out of the church functions of witnessing and serving. This includes the Board of Outreach having responsibility, in consultation with the pastors, for the development of sound programs of evangelism, missions, social ministry, making recommendations to the Church Council in these areas and executing whatever action the Church Council shall delegate to it.*

If you wish to serve Calvary by being a member of this committee, please contact the office or Naomi Baker.

Blessings,  
Naomi



**EXCITING NEWS!  
TEXTILE RECYCLING IS  
STARTING AGAIN**

We are starting to collect materials again. Reminder: Fabric/textile recycling is for **UNUSABLE** material. These are not sold for usable clothing. Thank you!



**Another Recycling  
Opportunity!**

**Details to come but start saving the following:**



(Empty tubes-Any brand)



(Empty mouthwash containers)



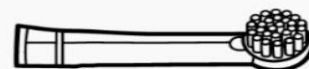
(Used floss picks)



(Empty floss containers)



(Used toothbrushes)



(Used brush heads)



### Library News

Can a robot survive in the wilderness? In *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown, the robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time and discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is—but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a violent storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home—until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her. This is a new book in our library and is the first of two in the Calvary library and can be found in the Chapter Books section. Be the first to check out this new book!



### Summer Library Hours

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

### BeFriender at Calvary

#### Who it is for?

BeFriender is for anyone desiring a caring, confidential, and faith-based presence in their life. If you are experiencing loss, illness, or a major life transition, BeFriender may be for you!

#### BeFriender Leaders at Calvary:

Beth Bloomquist - mbloomquist@charter.net  
320-905-8678

Nancy Holt - nholt0414@gmail



### Creation Care Tip



**Run full dishwasher loads** – Save up to \$10 per year. Your dishwasher uses a great deal of energy, especially for heating water. There are several steps you can take starting today—with no investment—to reduce your bills associated with dishwashing.

- 1) Run full loads.
- 2) Air dry. Air drying saves about 15% of your dishwasher's total energy use.

Instead of using the "heat dry" function of your washer, air dry your dishes or towel them off.

- 3) Avoid special cycles. Avoid using rinse-hold and pre-rinse features, which increase the amount of energy and water the dishwasher uses.

- 4) Wipe instead of rinse. If your dishes have excess food on them, scrape off the debris instead of rinsing it off before putting them in the dishwasher to save on hot water costs. Modern dishwashers are powerful enough to clean your dishes without your having to rinse them beforehand.

- 5) Save time and energy. Don't fall into the habit of hand-washing instead of machine washing.

EnergyStar certified dishwashers use less water than hand washing and can save you hundreds of hours per year.

2023 Financials July & YTD						
	July Budget	July Actual	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 67,779.17	\$ 61,724.91	\$ (6,054.26)	\$ 474,454.15	\$ 461,843.95	\$ (12,610.20)
Expenses	\$ 69,140.08	\$ 59,319.07	\$ (9,821.01)	\$ 483,980.33	\$ 444,984.59	\$ (38,995.74)
	\$ (1,360.91)	\$ 2,405.84	\$ 3,766.75	\$ (9,526.18)	\$ 16,859.36	\$ 26,385.54

### ***Weekend Attendance***

***July 29 - 30 - 204***  
***YouTube - 71 households***  
***General Offering - \$6,091.20***

***August 5 - 6 - 222***  
***YouTube - 79 households***  
***General Offering - \$17,927.64***

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**

**Calendar**

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