



LUTHERAN CHURCH  
302 OLENA AVENUE SE  
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

## ***The Calvary Messenger*** ***September 22, 2023***

**Next Messenger will be sent out October 6, 2023.**  
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**Saturday 5:30 pm Chapel Service**  
**Sunday 8:00 am worship - (Calvary)**  
**Sunday School 9:05**  
**Sunday 10:15 am Worship**  
**Sunday 11:00 am worship (Svea)**

### **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A special congregational meeting of Calvary Lutheran Church members will be held on Sunday October 1, 2023, at 11:15 AM in Bethany Hall.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to consider and vote on the Call Committee and Church Council's unanimous recommendation to call a Lead Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church. The church's constitution provides that no proxy or electronic votes are accepted.

Shawn Swenson, Congregational President

### **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of God's Work, Our Hands. The day was a success because of YOU! Here is what we accomplished:

- Constructed a fence on the north side of the pollinator plot
- Cleaned all pews and chairs in the sanctuary and chapel
- Assembled and sent goodie boxes to recent graduates
- Assembled kids' activity kits for Lutheran Social Services
- Handmade many greeting cards
- Picked up garbage at Robbins Island
- Experienced POSITIVE FELLOWSHIP while serving God and our community

Let's make everyday God's Work, Our Hands!





## From Down the Hall - SEPTEMBER EDITION

by Naomi Baker

Hello Friends!

I have served Calvary as Director of Music Ministry for just over two years and I am still loving it, and you! Your love and support as well as your grace are truly appreciated. Thanks for being awesome!

I am excited to begin fall programming at Calvary. Bell Choir, Confirmation and Sunday School have us getting back into the swing of things. I'm still hoping for people to come forward and offer **special music** and to participate in **Singing for Fun**. Singing for Fun is just that-people getting together to sing familiar and favorite songs with no strings attached. Also, we are always looking to welcome additional **Praise Band** members! Vocalists and/or instrumentalists interested can speak to me.

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

### BAPTIZED THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Chase Michael Hyatt  
Derek Jay Hyatt  
Jared Thomas Pawelk  
Landry Louise Hanson



### CONFIRMATION CLASSES STARTED

Sixty 6th - 10th graders began Fall Confirmation classes on Wednesday night, September 20 with 12 adult small group leaders! The young people will study The 10 Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed, Baptism, and Holy Communion.



## GRIEF CARE

The Grief Care Group meets on Mondays 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.

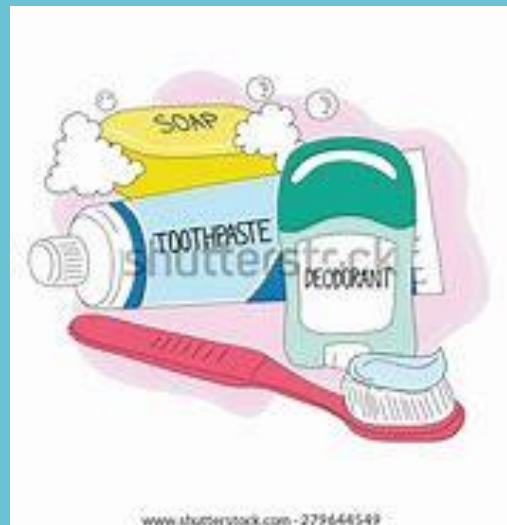


## NEW MEMBERS

New members will be received into Calvary Congregation on Sunday, October 29 at the 10:15 am service. We have three to four families who will be joining. If interested, please contact Pastor Dean.

## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS NEEDED

We have learned that there is a need for personal items for homeless young adults/teenagers who are being helped by Lutheran Social Services here in our area. Needed items are: hairbrushes, hair clip/ties, shampoo (regular or small size), deodorant, shaving cream, toothpaste (regular or small), toothbrushes, nail clippers, medicated chapstick, sunscreen, bug spray, backpacks, diapers size 5 or 6 and pullups, and baby wipes. Look for the poster and the bin. We will collect these items through September. Thank you Calvary! Social Kindness Committee



## FREE RECTANGLE TABLES FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Calvary has 10 long rectangle tables to give away. These tables are available first come first serve on September 29th between the hours of 10am - 2pm. Please stop by the office to let us know you have come to pick up tables. Thank you!



## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 NOISY OFFERING**

Don't forget your change! The money collected from Noisy Offering will go to God's Global Barnyard.

[ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://ELCA.org/goodgifts)

**TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT**

**CALVARYS ANNUAL TRUNK OR  
TREAT IS FAST APPROACHING!  
OCT 28TH (1 - 4PM)  
HERE ARE SOME WAYS WE  
WOULD LIKE HELP:**

- **DONATING CANDY TO THE  
CHURCH OFFICE**
- **MONETARY DONATIONS TO  
BUY CANDY**
- **DECORATING A TRUNK AND  
HANDING OUT CANDY**

**ARE YOU A YOUTH WHO  
WANTS TO DECORATE A DOOR  
AND HAND OUT CANDY?  
CONTACT ERICA MATHEWS**

The poster features a light beige background with several cartoon pumpkins of various sizes and expressions (happy, sad, scary). Green vines with yellow leaves are scattered around the pumpkins. The text is in a mix of bold, black, and orange fonts.



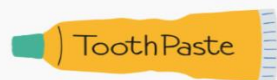
**Calvary: do you have gently used childrens books laying around you would love to donate? Leiah Arends would love to have you donate them to her “book library” for Trunk or Treat. Books can be dropped off with Erica Mathews.**



"Let's make our children love books, so that books become the needs of our children."



**Bring your used products  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st!**  
There will be a drop box in the narthex.  
These products will be recycled  
and kept out of the landfill.



(Empty tubes-Any brand)



(Empty mouthwash containers)



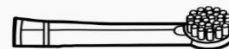
(Used floss picks)



(Empty floss containers)



(Used toothbrushes)



(Used brush heads)

**NTY**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
**12:00 NOON**

Do you know or have you ever talked to a Certified Hypnotist Therapist? Jessica Hanson, a CHT, will be our speaker for NTY on October 13. Jessica is co-author of the International Ass'n. Counselor's Therapists (IACT) trainers manual, owner of a state licensed hypnosis school, author of 4 books on hypnosis related topics, and creator of the Totally Unlimited Renewal Truly Living Excellence (TURTLE) Trance-Formation Process. She is Roy Hunter's chosen protégé-helping to preserve and make available Hunter's contributions to hypnosis. Jessica's love of turtles is contagious! Her passion is helping people trance-form with hypnosis.

What is hypnosis? At it's core, hypnosis is focused attention. Prayer is the original hypnosis. She likes to say: "Hypnosis is the life skill you were born with and taught to be afraid of." Jessica is often described as an "old-soul" because of her many experiences. She learned hypnosis at the age of 13 and has used it to recover from depression, near death experience, grief, and much more.

Please call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> to register. Invite someone new to NTY or bring a guest! Cost for the lunch is \$7.00, payable the day of NTY. Please pay when you arrive and not at the church office. (Note that cancelations after Wed. and no-shows will still require payment due to increased food costs.)

Thank you.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

*Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: Baby's First Book Extraordinary Women* is a new book in the Calvary library. The book features artists and inventors, athletes and activists in its colorful, inviting pages. Readers will meet dancer Misty Copeland, pilot Amelia Earhart, swimmer Yusra Mardini, and many other inspiring icons.

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

**Starting Sunday, September 24, the library will be open every Sunday between the 8:00 and 10:15 services.**

### **DO YOU LIKE READING?**

Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity? The Calvary library is in need of volunteers for Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. There will be an informational meeting and training on **Sunday, Sept. 24 during the Sunday School hour**. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings but are still interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.

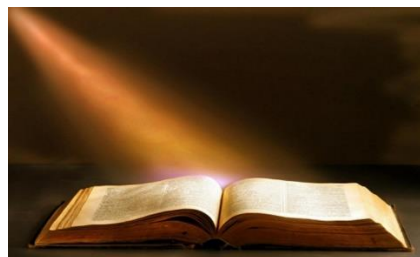
### **CREATION CARE TIP**



**Compost in the Garden or a Container** – Fall leaves can be composted along with daily table and cooking scraps (no meat, bones, or fat). Mulch/compost provides nutrients for the yard and garden.

## TEXT BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 9:30 in the Friendship Room.



## 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



**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Donna Jones

## BETHESDA'S HARVEST JUBILEE

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

Please join us! Saturday, September 30 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm at 1205 Willmar Avenue SE, Willmar, East of Bethesda Willmar Campus for our Harvest Jubilee. Come and enjoy the Fall Fun! Music by the Red Letter Band, Live Pie Auction & Silent Auction Pie Social, Meal by the Holy Smoker - Meal ticket available online or at Bethesda locations - \$15 before event, \$20 day of event.

### 2023 Financials August & YTD

	August Budget	August Actual	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 67,779.17	\$ 52,421.35	\$ (15,357.82)	\$ 542,233.32	\$ 514,265.30	\$ (27,968.02)
Expenses	\$ 69,140.08	\$ 51,079.13	\$ (18,060.95)	\$ 553,120.41	\$ 496,063.72	\$ (57,056.69)
	\$ (1,360.91)	\$ 1,342.22	\$ 2,703.13	\$ (10,887.09)	\$ 18,201.58	\$ 29,088.67

## WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

**September 9 & 10 - 216**  
**YouTube - 116 households**  
**General Offering - \$8,054.34**

**September 16 & 17 - 358**  
**YouTube - 82 households**  
**General Offering - \$19,443.28**

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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**

**Calendar**

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