



The Calvary Messenger ***February 23, 2024***

Next Messenger will be sent out March 8, 2024.
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday Chapel Service: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 am Services
Svea: Sunday 11:00 am
Lenten Dinner: 5:30 - 6:15 pm
(February 14 - March 20)
Midweek Lenten Services: 6:15 pm



Ephesians 4:29

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

A rumor is an unconfirmed widely spread story or statement and they may or may not contain elements of the truth but either way rumors can be destructive and harmful. There are many scripture readings that warn of us of such behavior and its harmful results. Rumors usually are started for nefarious purposes but are usually spread with innocent intentions and the harm they cause is magnified because the harm comes from those we care about.

The name Satan in Hebrew means the accuser and it is his job to go about and accuse people of their sins. In Christ Jesus, God told Satan that he doesn't want to hear from him anymore and depart from him. God doesn't need Satan to be accusing people of anything and Satan uses rumors and the lies that come with rumors. When we spread rumors, we aren't doing God's work we are doing Satan's work. This doesn't mean we don't hold people accountable or have boundaries as we should hold ourselves accountable. It means we shouldn't talk evil of others; What we should discern is what I am going to say is hurtful or helpful especially if we don't know the whole story. We should consider how transparent the rumor is, or is it said in secret, does it begin with "I shouldn't be repeating this but"? If so, when it is repeated it will be harmful.

What should we do when we hear a rumor? Simple but difficult, don't repeat it. Let the rumor die in silence. Not repeating a rumor is different than holding someone accountable. When we do harmful things we should be held accountable.

What is a positive take away from this? Use your voice to build others up because there is a great need for that in this world. Use your words so they give grace for others to hear and encourage one another. Brother and sisters in Christ, you are God's beloved, go and love others as Christ has first loved us.

***If you or a loved one would like a pastoral visit (ill, hospitalized, or just because), please contact Senior Pastor Dwaine Sutherland at (651) 500-7657 - dsutherland@calvarywillmar.org or Interim Pastor Wayne Kopitzke at (320) 841-1951 - revwayne100@gmail.com.
Pastor Dwaine and Pastor Wayne are always willing to provide support in time of need.***

CWELCA - CALVARY WOMEN OF THE ELCA

My apologies to Calvary's Women of the church for not listing their report in Calvary's annual report.
Sincerely Teri

On November 15th 2023 Calvary Women's Circle Board and Pastor Dean held a meeting to distribute our annual giving of funds to the following organizations.

\$500.00 Willmar Food Shelf
\$500.00 Meals on Wheels
\$1,500.00 Calvary Youth
\$500.00 Doing Days (Quilters)
\$500.00 Family Promise of Kandiyohi County
\$500.00 CentraCare Hospice Willmar
\$500.00 Safe Avenue
\$350.00 Salvation Army
\$4,850.00 Total

Respectfully submitted,
Calvary Women's Circle Board



From Down the Hall – February 2024
by Naomi Baker

Thanks for the feedback...and keep it coming! I value your feedback. Please continue to let me know if a song or part of the liturgy was extra special or if there's something you haven't heard for a while.

Anyone interested in singing in an **EASTER CHOIR**?! Let me know asap so we can get started. (I know we have locked away the alleluias and hallelujahs but when rehearsing for Easter, we get to secretly "borrow" them.) I am also seeking **instrumentalists** to add to our Easter Services?! Let's make our Easter services extra special using the talent of Calvary!

I'm curious.....What is your favorite Easter Hymn? You can let me know by letting me know in person or by texting, calling, etc.

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

Thank You!

On behalf of the Calvary Youth and myself I would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supports summer camp and helped us reach our goal of \$13,000.00 again this year! You all amaze me! -Erica Mathews



Pollinator Plot Update 2: February 23, 2024, Edition

Many insects serve as pollinators, but most people think of bees when they hear the term pollinator. Did you know Minnesota has over 500 species of native bees? Most of these spend the winter hibernating as adults or larvae in the ground, hidden in plant litter on the ground, or in the stems of native plants. If you visit Calvary's pollinator plot this winter, what might appear to be lifeless stems protruding from the snow is actually full of life waiting to renew busy lives as spring arrives. Therefore, leaving leaf and plant litter and standing vegetation in the fall provides critical habitat for pollinators and other wildlife through the winter.

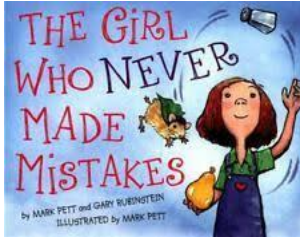
TIME & TALENTS

Your time and talents are needed in the following ways - serving on the Altar Guild and/or the Stewardship Committee!

Altar Guild is looking for youth, adults, or families to serve by preparing communion for weekly services. There is a wealth of knowledge to be passed down from our faithful members and lots of fun to be had in the process! If you or your family is interested in serving in this way please check in with Pastor Dwaine and he'll get you connected.

Stewardship Committee is looking to increase it's membership and they work on important tasks such as annual stewardship campaign, fundraising, collecting time and talents info, and will be working on a Volunteer Fair this year! Please check in with Pastor Dwaine and he'll get you connected.





LIBRARY NEWS

The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes by Mark Pett and Gary Rubinstein is a book used by Pastor Wayne in a children's sermon last fall and it is now available to check out in the library. Beatrice Bottomwell has NEVER (not once!) made a mistake. She never forgets her math homework, she never wears mismatched socks, and she ALWAYS wins the yearly talent show at school. In fact, the entire town calls her The Girl Who Never Makes Mistakes! One day, the inevitable happens: Beatrice makes a huge mistake in front of

everyone! But in the end, readers (and perfectionists) will realize that life is more fun when you enjoy everything—even the mistakes.

LIBRARY HOURS

**The library will be open every
Sunday between the
8:00 and 10:15 services**

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, and Easter is March 31 this year, we have designated April 6 & 7 as Food Shelf Sunday. We will have a processional offering of non-perishable food items and monetary donations. Up until that final weekend, we are asking the Sunday School and Confirmation students to participate:



March 2 & 3 - Canned fruit, vegetables, meats (Spam, tuna)

March 9 & 10 - Soups

March 16 & 17 - Cereals, granola bars

March 23 & 24 - Pasta noodles, mac and cheese, etc.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and join us in this special fundraiser. Our Kandiyohi County Food Shelf served over 604 households per month in 2023 and gave out 432,000 pounds of food!

Thank you, Calvary, giving to the needs of our community.

Social Kindness Committee



**THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2024
HAVE FINISHED THEIR PRAYER BOXES
AND THEY HAVE BEEN SET ON THE TABLE
OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY. IF YOU WOULD
TAKE TIME TO WRITE A SPECIAL NOTE OR
FAVORITE VERSE TO EACH YOUTH PLEASE
DO! THIS WAS SO SPECIAL TO SEE LAST
YEAR.**



**Sunday March 3rd from
9:05am - 10am in the
Gathering Place. Ages
birth - 3. We will be
talking about Easter/Jesus
Dies and Rises.**

Join US For
**Early Childhood
Family Sunday
School**



READY SET GLOW

**GRADES 1ST - 5TH ARE INVITED TO
A GLOW PARTY MARCH 17TH FROM
3PM - 5PM.**

**COST IS \$5.00 PER CHILD TO
COVER THE SNACKS AND WATER
COSTS.**

**REGISTRATION CAN BE PICKED UP
WITH ERICA MATHEWS OR IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE.**

Calvary Lutheran Church

Hands of Lent



Calvary invites all to:
Wednesday Dinner at 5:30pm
Worship at 6:15pm

Ash Wednesday, February 14th - Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
(offering goes to Camp Scholarships)

Wednesday, February 21st - Foster Stitches & The Link
(Speaker & Offering)

Wednesday, February 28th - Calvary Creation Care
(Speaker & Offering)

Wednesday, March 6th - Hope for Our City
(Speaker & Offering)

Wednesday, March 13th - Calvary Youth
(Speakers & Offering)

Wednesday, March 20th - Arrive Ministries
(Speaker & Offering)

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, March 28th,
6:15pm at Calvary (Offering to the Foodshelf)

Good Friday, March 29th
12:30pm at Calvary (Offering to Safe Avenues)
7:00pm at Vinje

Easter EGG HUNT

Join us at Calvary Lutheran Church at 1PM for our annual Easter egg hunt. We will plan to hold it on the green space to the west of the church-in case of too much snow the backup will be in the parking lot.

**SATURDAY
MARCH 23RD**

1:00PM

**CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

302 OLENA AVE SE



**15TH-
18TH
JULY**

**DAY
CAMP
2024**

**FOR YOUTH COMPLETED
GRADES K-5**

**CREATED
TO BE**
Summer 2024



We will bus the youth from Vinje Lutheran Church in the mornings to The Shores of St Andrew to spend the day, then bus back in the afternoon.

Use code willmardc2024

Register at www.gllm.org

HELP WANTED

*Erica Mathews could use
some volunteers to help stuff
Easter Eggs for the annual egg
hunt. This will be March
11th at 10am in Bethany
Hall!*



PLASTIC RECYCLING

Calvary-your plastic recycling efforts are contagious! Since we began our program in November 2021, five area churches have reached out for information on how to start the program. Thanks for spreading the word and caring for God's creation!

HONOR LOVED ONES

Every Easter, Calvary likes to fill the Sanctuary with flowers, provided in honor and in memory of loved ones. You are invited to purchase plants for \$10 per plant to express your love and appreciation and help the church defray cost of providing the plants. **Friday, March 22, 2024**, is the last day to order Easter flowers. Please stop by the office to place an order for a loved one. If paying by check, make payable to "Calvary Lutheran Church". Thank you!



BEFRIENDER AT CALVARY
BeFriender's Foundation Principles:

God is present
Caring not curing
Non-judgmental presence
Active listening

Leaders are:

Beth Bloomquist - mbbloomquist@charter.net

320-905-8678

Nancy Holt - nholt0414@gmail



2024 Financials January & YTD

	December Actual	December Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 60,784.64	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (6,602.86)	\$ 60,784.64	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (6,602.86)
Expenses	\$ 71,018.90	\$ 67,352.67	\$ 3,666.23	\$ 71,018.90	\$ 67,352.67	\$ 3,666.23
Net Income	\$ (10,234.26)	\$ 34.83	\$ (10,269.09)	\$ (10,234.26)	\$ 34.83	\$ (10,269.09)

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

February 10 & 11 - 257

February 14 - 132

YouTube - 164 households

General Offering - \$9,281.99

February 17 & 18 - 258

February 21 - 197

YouTube - 166 households

General Offering - \$11,774.84

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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