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| |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | A close-up of a logo  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ***The Calvary Messenger***  ***April 5, 2024*** | | | |  | | --- | | **Next Messenger will be sent out April 19, 2024.**  **If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A white sign with black text and black text  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | A person wearing glasses and smiling  Description automatically generated | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |   Dear Friends in Christ,  It’s that time of the year again when we have “sprung ahead” one hour in time. When I was growing up, my family always called this season, “fast time” – because we felt like we were one hour ahead of “real” time! On March 20 we also reached the day when we had 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. The hours of sunlight will continue to grow longer until the summer equinox on June 20th – the day that we call the “longest” day of the year.  We are time-keeping people. We watch the clock…we watch the calendar…we watch the “length” of days (according to the amount of light)….we watch the seasons. This is all part of the way in which we experience life. We have just experienced the 40 days of Lent, followed by the “Three Days” – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Now, in the Easter season, we will mark another 40 days on our way to Ascension Day, and then another 10 days will lead to the festival of Pentecost. To be alive is to be flowing toward the future and its newness. But sometimes we would like the flow to be less rapid – we find that we must pick up and move from days and seasons before we are ready. We all know that feeling of reluctance and fear of change.  Now that we have arrived at the Easter season, how good it is to know the deep truth of Easter. We are Easter people living in a Good Friday world. Each Sunday of the year is an Easter event. Easter is the season which we never have to leave. It is the season in which we need to live every day as we remember our daily death and resurrection through the baptismal waters. It is a season in which we live each day as we remember Jesus’ constant presence with us, and his promises of love, forgiveness, salvation, hope, comfort, strength, and eternal life.  One of our Easter hymns, “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain,” speaks of seasons, time, and Jesus’ resurrection in this way:  ‘Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison,  And from three days’ sleep in death As a sun has risen;  All the winter of ours sins, Long and dark, is flying  From his light, to whom is given Laud and praise undying.  Yes, Easter is a season which never passes from us and into which we can anchor so deeply. May we rejoice in our living and sharing this Good News!  With you on the journey…  Pastor Wayne | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | **WORSHIP SERVICES**  **Saturday Chapel Service: 5:30 pm**  **Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 am Services** | | |  | | --- | | A colorful logo with text  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | A pile of coins on a table  Description automatically generated | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |   **Noisy Offering Sunday!**  Remember to bring your change. Noisy Offering is on Sunday, April 7th at the 10:15am service. Thank you | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | |  | | --- | | **\*\*\*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.\*\*\*** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | |  | | --- | | *It's West Central Singers Concert Time Again!* |  |  | | --- | | A poster for a concert  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  | | --- | | A yellow and black poster with a microphone and text  Description automatically generated | | |  | | --- | | A qr code with a dinosaur  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | SCAN TO REGISTER FOR TALENT SHOW! | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | |  | | --- | | A white and black text on a white background  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | A poster of a dental care  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | A poster for a healthy kids event  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | A donation list with hearts and a black and white sign  Description automatically generated | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |   **MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH**  March is the month that we emphasize the need to stock the shelves at the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. We have a goal of $1,600.00 for monetary donations. Last year we more than doubled our goal. Let's do it again.  April 7th is Food Shelf Sunday. There will be a table in the Narthex to drop off your food that Sunday. Donations can be received any time. The amount of grant money the Food Shelf receives is determined by how much food and money they bring in between February 26th and April 9th.  ﻿  Thank you, Calvary, for giving to the needs of our community.  Social Kindness Committee | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | A white sheet of paper with notes and words  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | |  | | --- | | A group of images of a child and a person  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | Close-up of a person playing a violin  Description automatically generated |   **NTY**  It’s Spring!!! That means NTY will resume again!! We will meet on Friday, April 12th at noon. It was decided last December to have a potluck in April so if you are able, please bring whatever you wish.  After lunch we will be entertained by the Sunburg Fiddlers led by Darlene Schroeder, the teacher. It should be a very enjoyable time! Please call the church office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10th to register. I challenge you to ask someone new to join us. If they can’t come for the potluck, anyone is invited to the program which usually starts about 1:00 p.m. Thank you.  Wishing all of you a very Blessed and Happy Easter.    If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | |  | | --- | | A group of people posing for a photo  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A poster with text and images  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | A poster with text and notes  Description automatically generated |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | | |  | | --- | | **Text Bible Study**  Text Bible Study are held Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Friendship Room. ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND! | | |  | | --- | | A person writing on a book  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A logo for a care company  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | Creation Care meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | |  | | --- | | **LIBRARY NEWS**  *Remember* by Joy Harjo is one of our new library books purchased by Calvary’s Creation Care Team. This beautiful picture book adaptation of the renowned poem encourages young readers to reflect on family, nature, and their heritage. In simple and direct language, Harjo, a member of the Mvskoke Nation, urges readers to pay close attention to who they are, the world they were born into, and how all inhabitants on earth are connected.  **LIBRARY HOURS**  **The library will be open every**  **Sunday between the 8:00 and 10:15 services.** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | A close up of a logo  Description automatically generated | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |   Gather Bible Study will meet on Thursday, April 17  in the Friendship Room.  Bring a friend! | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | |  | | --- | | A table with numbers and a few words  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | |  | | --- | | ***WEEKEND ATTENDANCE***  ***March 23, 24, 28 & 29- 576***  ***YouTube - 288 households***  ***General Offering - $9,291.73***  ***March 31 - 481***  ***﻿YouTube - 236 households***  ***General Offering - $15,944.80***  T | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | | |  | | --- | | 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 | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |