

## ***The Calvary Messenger*** ***May 3, 2024, 2024***

**Next Messenger will be sent out May 17, 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**



Psalm 23:5a "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies"

A few years ago, at another congregation, the church council and I decided to have Holy Communion every Sunday. Its theology grounded and it is a reminder that it is a gift from God. We don't come to church to perform a service for God but it how God serves us in the gift of grace, forgiveness, and life given through salvation. In the previous congregation, a member told me how he was grateful that we had Holy Communion every Sunday. He continued with that he worked every other Sunday and couldn't make it to church on the Sundays we had Holy Communion and he rarely received Holy Communion. Now he receives Holy Communion whenever he is in church.

The Church Council agrees with having Holy Communion every Sunday as Brother Martin Luther tells us to commune every time we gather in worship. Psalm 23 reminds us that God prepares a table before us in the presence of our enemy. The altar is the table that we are feed the body and blood of Christ, and we should come to taste the good food of the salvation and the forgiveness of sins.

A few months ago, I attended Calvary's Altar Guild meeting and the subject of how we can move to having Holy Communion every Sunday was asked. One of my concerns was if it would be too taxing on our volunteers. The Altar Guild came up with a plan for the Sundays that we traditionally did not have Holy Communion would be that we would have Holy Communion served by intinction. Holy Communion by intinction takes much less preparation time. I didn't want to change our long-standing tradition of Holy Communion by homemade bread and cups as we have several people who love to make bread. So, the plan we came up with is, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays we will have Holy Communion with homemade bread and cups, with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday kneeling at the rail. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and any 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday we will have Holy Communion by intinction.

I am thankful for so many who have worked with us on planning Holy Communion every Sunday. A big thank you to everyone for being patient during this time of change.






**\*\*\*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.\*\*\***



## **from Down the Hall -May 2024 Naomi Baker**

While rehearsing with the Praise Band last Saturday, a phrase from a song reached out and grabbed me. I have sung this song before but for some reason this time the phrase, “give us the courage to enter the song” kept replaying in my mind. As a music person, I like to think I’m pretty “in touch” with song lyrics. (Well, most of the time anyway) But like others, I find my mind wandering and I am oblivious as to what I’m singing about.

*Paraphrasing “Gather Us In” (ELW 532), we are to:*

-  *awaken and arise at the sound of our name*
-  *be light to the whole human race.*
-  *be salt of the earth*
-  *fashion holy lives and truthful hearts*
-  *do ALL these things NOW. Now, in THIS kingdom.*  
*Now, in THIS day, not light years away.*

I see this as a gentle reminder for us to act out our Christian beliefs; to “enter the song” and practice what we preach/sing.  
Until next time.....Make a Noise!



**“There’s song in you and it wants to live outside of you.  
The world and you both win when you express it.”  
John Jacobson**

### **Call Committee Update**

The Call Committee continues its work on filling the Associate Pastor position. We currently have no candidates under consideration but have heard we may be receiving a candidate's RMP shortly. Your prayers and thoughts are appreciated. Thank you.



## NTY

**Friday, May 10 at 12:00 Noon**

How much do you know about the Willmar Lutheran Campus Ministry?? Come and find out more about the Campus Ministry from our speaker, Rev. Amy Juel, at our next NTY meeting on May 10th. She has over 25 years of experience in ministry and has served in a variety of lay and paid staff ministries. She is a 2012 graduate of Luther Seminary and was ordained at Vinje Lutheran in May of that year. She has served in the Area Churches Together (ACT) Parish, at Vinje Lutheran, and is at

Maynard Lutheran where she has been for almost 8 years. Pastor Amy has served as Chaplain for Willmar Lutheran Campus Ministry since 2013. She has four adult children and currently lives in Maynard with one of her daughters and their menagerie of animals. (Interesting fact: Pastor Amy is the niece of DeElla Aamot). Please call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, May 8 to register. Invite someone new to NTY or bring a guest! Cost for the catered lunch is \$7.00, payable the day of NTY. Please pay when you arrive and not at the church office. (Note that cancellations after Wed. and no-shows will still require payment due to increased food costs.) If you can't come for lunch, you are still welcome to come for the program at 1:00 P.M. Thank you. If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 320-295-8938.

### **HOME COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are in **urgent** need of Home Communion volunteers. Would you please consider helping us with this wonderful service that Calvary has for our home-bound members. Please call the church office at 235-2508 if you can help. Thank you!

**2024 SENIOR  
PRAYER BOXES**

We are excited to see  
our 2024 seniors  
graduate this year!  
Please write a special  
note and/or a favorite  
bible verse for their  
prayer boxes.

Pictured below is the certificate we received for our part in the recent "Healthy Earth, Healthy Kids" community event.



Calvary Creation Care Team THANKS all who kept used dental products out of the landfill by bringing them to Calvary. The products are on their way to be recycled!

Next collection dates are June 22-23!



Anxiety Disorders

ADHD

Bipolar Disorder

Borderline Personality Disorder

Depression +

Dissociative Disorders

Eating Disorders

Obsessive-compulsive Disorder

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

Psychosis

Schizoaffective Disorder

Schizophrenia

A mental illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling, behavior or mood. These conditions deeply impact day-to-day living and may also affect the ability to relate to others. If you have — or think you might have — a mental illness, the first thing you must know is that **you are not alone**. Mental health conditions are far more common than you think, mainly because people don't like to, or are scared to, talk about them. However:

- **1 in 5** U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- **1 in 20** U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year
- **1 in 6** U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year
- **50%** of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24

A mental health condition isn't the result of one event. Research suggests multiple, linking causes. Genetics, environment and lifestyle influence whether someone develops a mental health condition. A stressful job or home life makes some people more susceptible, as do traumatic life events. Biochemical processes and circuits and basic brain structure may play a role, too.

None of this means that you're broken or that you, or your family, did something "wrong." Mental illness is no one's fault. And for many people, recovery — including meaningful roles in social life, school and work — is possible, especially when you start treatment early and play a strong role in your own recovery process.

**PRE-K: Join Calvary, Vinje, and Bethel Churches as we gather together at Vinje Lutheran Church, 1101 Willmar Ave. SW, for Preschool Vacation Bible School! VBS will run Monday, July 15 - Thursday, July 18th from 8:30am-11am. The cost is free for members. The morning will include crafts, games, and Bible studies encompassing the GLLM summer theme, Created to Be. This program is for preschool aged children, including those going into kindergarten. All attending need to be toilet trained. To register contact Erica Mathews. 320-444-0626 or [erica@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:erica@calvarywillmar.org)**



[CLICK TO REGISTER FOR PRE-K VBS](#)

# Summer Camp Opportunities:

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**Elementary Ages:** Base Camp (formerly Andys Gang)  
grades 1st-5th June 16-20 (overnight camp)

**Day Camp:** For Calvary youth completed grades K - 5th:  
July 15 - 18th we will spend the week at the Shores of St Andrew . Bus will leave Vinje at 8:30am and we will return to Vinje at 4 pm. To register use code willmarc2024.

**Middle-HS ages:** Trailblazers (COMPLETED 5-7 GRADES) and  
Stargazers (COMPLETED 7-9 GRADES) JULY 14-18

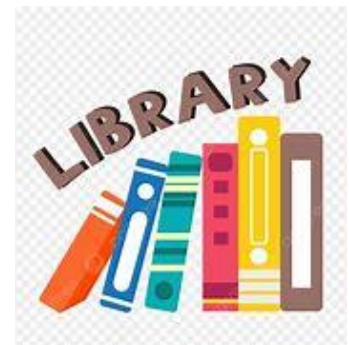


[Click here to register for Camp or Day Camp](#)

## LIBRARY NEWS

The church library will be closed beginning May 12 through the summer. Please continue to return any previously checked out books through the library door slot.

Thank you.



## Social Kindness Committee

Social Kindness Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 1:00 pm in the Friendship Room.



## **Gather Bible Study**

Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 am in the Friendship Room. All are welcome!

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### **WEEKEND ATTENDANCE**

**April 20 & 21 - 285**  
**YouTube - 100 households**  
**General Offering - \$15,197.80**

**April 27-28 - 230**  
**YouTube - 115 households**  
**General Offering - \$8,125.80**

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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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