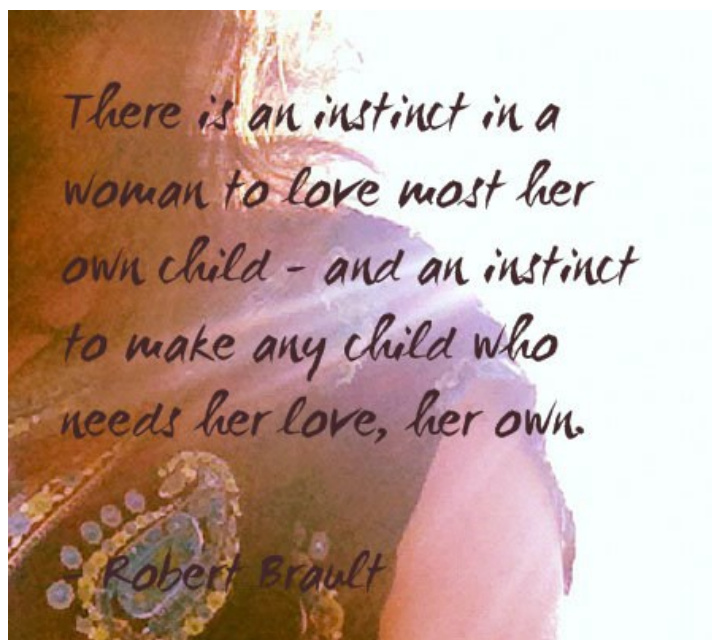
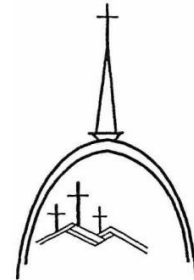


# *Calvary Lutheran Church*

TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



*There is an instinct in a  
woman to love most her  
own child - and an instinct  
to make any child who  
needs her love, her own.*

*Robert Brault*

*The Seventh Weekend of Easter*

*Mother's Day*

*Sunday, May 12, 2024 10:15 am*

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*Jesus prays for his disciples, including us. He does not pray that we be taken out of this world; yet he also says we do not belong to this world. This reflects John's ambivalence about the "world" reflected in the rest of the gospel (compare with 1:1; 3:16). How are Christians meant to live in the world but not of the world while not betraying our ethical duty to creation? Rather than a condemnation, Jesus expresses his desire for us to follow in his way for the sake of the created world, so that we might look like "trees planted by streams of water" (Ps. 1:3).*

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**Gathering Music** "Do Justice" "All The People Said Amen"  
"Kyrie Eleison"

## **Ringing of the Bell**

### **Welcome**

### **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness**

Forgive us, O God, **when we treat people as though they are just a nuisance, when we are annoyed with others' behavior when we find it difficult to include those who think or act differently from the norm, when we are cruel in our judgements or exclusion.**  
**Forgive us, O God, when we do not hear or heed Jesus' prayer for unity. Open our eyes to any ways in which we can encourage justice.**

Friends, hear this, the promise of God is to guard the lives of the faithful,  
and rescue us from the hand of anything binds us  
and separates us from God, and one another.  
**We are free indeed. Amen!**

**Gathering Song** "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" ELW 523

### **Prayer of the Day**

Together we pray, **O God, may our prayers never be empty words but an urgent response to your living Word –in non-violent direct action for positive change, in bold and clear acts of solidarity, healing and compassion, readily sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. All this we pray in your name. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

### Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those  
    who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
or take the path that sinners tread  
    or sit in the seat of scoffers,  
<sup>2</sup> **but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and on his law they meditate day and night.**  
<sup>3</sup> They are like trees  
    planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
    and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.  
<sup>4</sup> **The wicked are not so  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,  
6 **for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

### **1 John 5:9-13**

9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172

### **The Gospel Reading John 17:6-19**

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

6 “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has

hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message** Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

**Sermon** Jesus says, "I Got This" Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

**Song of the Day** "Awesome God"

Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, pow'r and love; Our God is an awesome God!

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**Apostles' Creed** (page 105)

**Prayers of the Church** (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering Music** "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" ELW 735

**Offering Response** "Freely, Freely"

**Offertory Prayer**

Together we pray,

**We give thanks for the remarkable gifts of your creating  
and redeeming love, O God. Accept our gifts as a token of our love  
toward you. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer (p. 112)**

**Communion Music** "Living Waters"  
"Remembrance"  
"You are Holy" ELW 525

## **Communion Blessings**

For those who do not receive communion, we give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those that receive communion, Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father, Grant that we who have received his body and blood may live in him and serve you as your children. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing for Mothers and Mother Figures**

God of all creation,  
pour out your blessing on all those who provide motherly care.  
You have made them in your image  
and given them children to love and care for in your name.  
Bless them with a heart like your heart:

loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled.  
As they participate in your ongoing creativity,  
give them discernment to help children discover their unique gifts.  
As they teach, grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable.  
As they strive to share your unconditional love,  
give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor.  
As they model your mercy,  
help them extend the forgiveness  
they themselves freely receive from you.  
In all circumstances fortify their faith,  
that they may love you above all.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **Sending Blessing**

In the name of the God of abundant life, I bless you—  
That in seasons of plenty you will thrive and grow.  
That in seasons of drought you will have strength.  
That you will delight in the warm sun of God shining upon you.  
That you will delight in the cold rain of God falling on you.  
I bless you! **Amen!**

### **Sending Song**

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (repeat)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (repeat)

I've got peace like a river, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (repeat)

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You have been chosen by God!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Serving Today

- Preaching:** Pastor Dwaine Sutherland  
**Presiding:** Pastor Wayne D. Kopitzke
- Communion Assistants:**  
**8:00** - Harley Aalfs, Janel Skindelien  
**10:15** - Caleb & Kim Hanson
- Greeters:**  
**8:00** - Donavon & Kathleen Monson, Al & Elaine Simon  
**10:15** - Gerald & Eileen Sweep, Mike & Cindy Moser
- Lectors:**  
**Saturday 5:30** - Marilyn Gjerde  
**Sunday 8:00** - Joni Hanson  
**10:15** - Larry Knutson
- Office:**  
**7:45 - 9:30** - Mary Jo Ramey  
**9:30 - 11:15** - Karen Rinke
- Sound:**  
**8:00** - Doug Sawatzky  
**10:15** - Kim Larson
- Video:**  
**8:00 & 10:15** - Richard Riemer

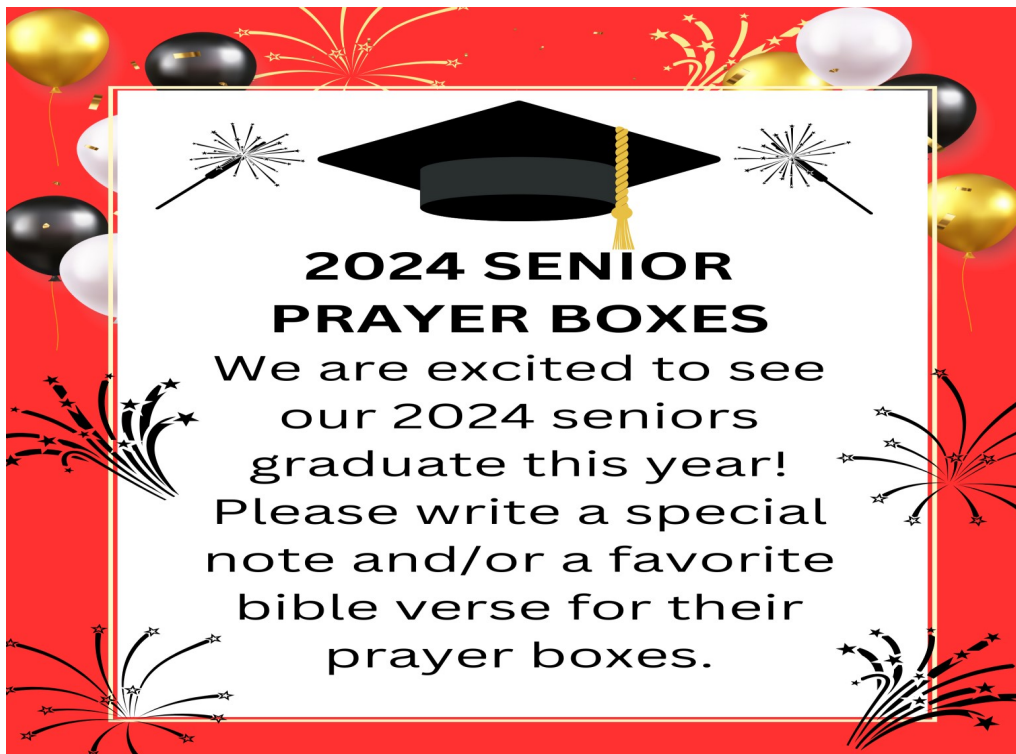
### Calvary Staff

- Senior Pastor:** Dwaine Sutherland  
**Interim Pastor:** Wayne D. Kopitzke  
**Director of Music Ministry:** Naomi Powers-Baker  
**Faith Formation Coordinator - Children & Youth:** Erica Mathews  
**Office Manager:** Paula Lueders  
**Office Assistant:** Marie Fett  
**Custodians:** Kim Schow & Ken Newberg  
**Head Usher:** Randy Novak  
**Kitchen Coordinator:** Enola Dowdell  
**Calvary Cemetery Sexton:** Ron Keith

### 2024 Calvary Council Leaders

- Mary Jo DeCathelineau - Congregational President - [grant01@tds.net](mailto:grant01@tds.net)  
Brian Henrickson - Vice President - [brian.henrickson60@gmail.com](mailto:brian.henrickson60@gmail.com)  
Bridget Pederson - Secretary - [bridgetpederson@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetpederson@yahoo.com)  
Harley Aalfs Bob Dickerson  
Shane Baker Caleb Hanson  
John Dean Lori Holmgren





**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.

## Summer Camp Opportunities:

**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

**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 willmardc2024.

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



**We welcome our new  
Office Manager Paula Lueders**

My name is Paula (Leason) Lueders and I was born and raised in Willmar right next to what was Lincoln School. I grew up with my Mom (Lou), Dad (Ed), and three sisters Jody, Joan, and Jennifer. In 1992 I married my husband Steve and we moved to Kandiyohi where we raised our children Naomi and Zach. We built a house just outside of Kandiyohi 15 years ago and that is where we currently live. I am a member of Redeemer Lutheran church and have taught Preschool Sunday School there for the last 24 years. In my off time, I love to read, camp, and spend time with my family, especially my 11 month old grandson. I am excited to work her at Calvary and look forward to visiting with you.

**Gather Bible Study**

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

**Altar Guild Meeting**

Altar Guild will meet on Thursday, May 16 at 5:30pm in the Friendship Room.

**Family Promise  
Volunteer Needed**

The week of May 27 - June 2, Calvary will be hosting meals at the Family Promise Homeless Family housing facility. There is still one evening meal needed for a group of 6 adults and 3 children on Tuesday, May 28 (6 - 7:30pm). If you could provide a meal on that date, please contact Joan Hanson at 320-220-1324.

Thank you!

**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.

**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!

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Happy  
Mother's  
Day



HEALTH IS NOT JUST ABOUT  
WHAT YOU'RE EATING,  
  
IT'S ALSO ABOUT WHAT  
YOU'RE THINKING AND  
SAYING.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Donald Kemnitz, Ronald Gehrke, Linda Larson, Ione Andreen

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

**Weekly Attendance - 247  
YouTube - 124 Households  
General Offering - \$9,968.80**

2024 Financials April & YTD						
	April Actual	April Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 52,142.45	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (15,245.05)	\$ 263,538.13	\$ 269,550.00	\$ (6,011.87)
Expenses	\$ 60,843.13	\$ 67,352.21	\$ (6,509.08)	\$ 269,354.88	\$ 269,409.30	\$ (54.42)
Net Income	\$ (8,700.68)	\$ 35.29	\$ (8,735.97)	\$ (5,816.75)	\$ 140.70	\$ (5,957.45)

**Sunday, May 12 – Intinction Communion**

8:00am Worship Service  
10:15am Worship Service  
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm  
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181  
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

**Monday, May 13**

6:30pm Cub Scouts - Koinonia Room  
7:00pm Scouts BSA - Bethany Hall

**Tuesday, May 14**

1:00pm Finance Committee - Friendship Room  
5:15pm Stewardship Committee  
6:00pm Council Meeting - Friendship Room  
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181  
7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

**Wednesday, May 15**

10:00am Gather Bible Study

**Thursday, May 16**

9:30am Text Bible Study - P. Wayne - Friendship Room  
1:00pm Quilters  
5:30pm Altar Guild  
5:45pm Girl Scouts #3655 Rooms 206/208  
6:00pm Girl Scouts Troup #3656 - Koinonia Room

**Saturday, May 18**

2:00pm Baby Shower - Toni Newberg  
5:30pm Chapel Service

**Sunday, May 19 – Full Communion**

8:00am Worship Service  
9:00am High School Senior Brunch  
9:30am Praise Band Practice  
10:15am Worship Service - Senior Recognition  
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm  
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181  
4:00pm Girl Scout #3515 - Rm 109/111  
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181