



The Calvary Messenger ***May 17, 2024***

Next Messenger will be sent out May 31, 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 46:9-10 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."



This Psalm is about Israel's soldiers who were about to go into battle. These verses were written to remind them that war isn't forever and someday there will not be war again. As a war veteran, I can only pray that my children or grandchildren will not have to see war. War is never good, and the horrific destruction and loss of life can never be truly justified but it is a fact of life. As we know and understand, war is horrible but unfortunately it may be necessary. Whether you support war if needed or believe that we should never go to war, we must remember those who often do not have a choice but to go. Unfortunately, war does mean some of our troops will not return and this Memorial Day is about those who did not return. Memorial Day isn't about glorifying war, but it is to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This Memorial Day take a moment and remember those who didn't return, and those who suffered and died after returning home. I leave you with a poem I wrote with some help from the internet.

Where Eagles Dare and Freedoms Fly

Beneath the vast and starry sky,
Where eagles dare and freedoms fly,
Rest the souls of heroes brave,
Whose legacy we vow to save.

In silence, we recall their names,
Their stories etched in eternal flames.
For every life, a tale untold,
Of courage fierce and spirits bold.

We stand amidst the white stone rows,
Where grief's quiet shadow grows,
And think of families left to mourn,
Their hearts forever torn and worn.

They served with honor, true and just,
In them, a nation placed its trust.
Now poppies bloom where they lay,
A crimson tide this Memorial Day.

So let us pause and bow our heads,
For the valiant dead and tears shed.
Their sacrifice shall not be in vain,
In our memories, they'll forever remain.

To the families, we extend our hand,
In this grateful, solemn land.
Your loss, a burden we all share,
On Memorial Day, we show we care.



**Welcome Paula Lueders our
new Office Manager**

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 1-year-old Grandson. I am excited to work here at Calvary and look forward to visiting with you.

A background image of a graduation ceremony with students in caps and gowns, overlaid with a red border.

Happy Graduation 2024 Seniors

Evan Burgess
Carson Eichhorst
Katelyn Garberding
Emery Holwerda
Noah Rodriguez
Anna Suter
Allyse Swanson

*****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 graphic with a teal water background, a pink brushstroke banner, and summer-themed icons at the bottom.

Summer Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday
7:30am-4:30pm**

**Friday
7:30am-3:00pm**



BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

(One Sunday Service)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
WEAR RED
FOR PENTECOST WORSHIP
MAY 18th & 19th**





If you suspect that your teenager is experiencing depression, it's important to approach the situation with empathy and openness. Encourage them to talk about their feelings and experiences. If you're a parent, guardian, teacher, or another trusted adult, consider seeking professional help, such as a mental health professional or a counselor who specializes in working with teenagers. Depression is treatable, and early intervention is crucial for the well-being of the teenager. If the teenager is in immediate danger or talks about self-harm or suicide, it's essential to seek emergency assistance or contact a crisis hotline immediately. The National Suicide hotline can be reached by dialing 988.

References:

<https://injuryfreenc.dph.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/SuicideData.htm>



**TEACHERS
WANTED**

Looking for someone to team teach the 3 year old class that will start in the fall along with 2 teachers to team teach the 2nd grade class. If this sounds like something you may be interested please contact me!

Erica Mathews
erica@calvarywillmar.org
320-444-0626



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!



Creation Care will meet on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm 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!



Parent organization of the Home to Home Project and Hope for Our City

April 9, 2024

Calvary Lutheran Church
302 Olena Ave SE
Willmar MN 56201

Dear Friends:

Thank you **so much** for your generous donation of \$900 to Community Basics, Inc.'s *Hope for Our City*. We are **extremely** grateful to you all!

Community Basics, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation (EIN #45-5234576) that is operated exclusively for charitable purposes. Specifically, Community Basics works in collaboration with the charitable organizations located in Kandiyohi County and the surrounding areas to provide basic necessities such as food and essential household items to families and individuals who are, or have, experienced extreme hardships, effects of a natural disaster, hunger, or homelessness.

Hope for Our City grocery distribution is open to anyone who eats and is not affiliated with any food shelf. With the current state of affairs, we are having a large influx of number of families we serve. As you know, we have "lost" our main food provider and have had to go to purchasing some of the food we give to the people. We will use your donation to help us purchase the food we give to the people we serve.

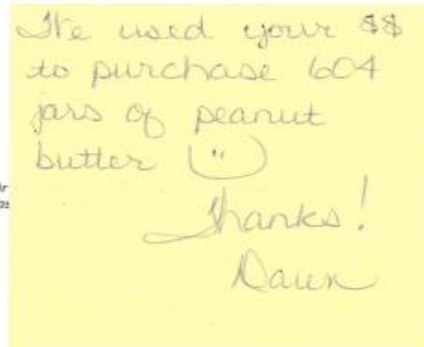
This letter will serve as the written acknowledgment that Community Basics, Inc. has not provided any goods or services in exchange for your gift.

Thank you again for your **generous donation** and support of this program. Your donation allows us to fulfill our mission of "people helping people."

Blessings & gratitude,


Dawn Clouse
Executive Director & Founder
Community Basics, Inc
www.communitybasics.org
320-295-3415

In accordance with IRS Code section 170 (f) (8), donors who wish to deduct their charitable gifts on their the statement that no goods or services were received in exchange for the gift. Please keep this letter as



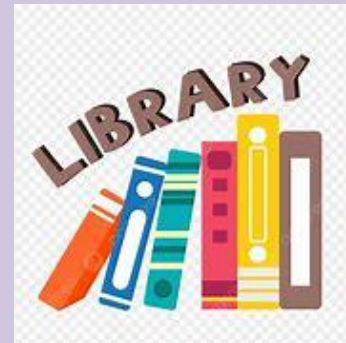
She used your \$\$
to purchase 604
jars of peanut
butter 😊
Thanks!
Dawn



Click the links below to register for
Sunday School (3yr-5th) or
Confirmation (6th-9th)

LIBRARY NEWS

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



Text Bible Study

It has been decided that Text Bible Study **WILL** continue through the summer months every Thursday at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome!

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. ALL ARE WELCOME!
for more information, contact Naomi Baker

Sunburg Community Music Camp

Free

Featuring:

**Fiddle (Violin), Upright Bass, Guitar, Mandolin, Ukulele
Irish (Penny) Whistle & Keyboard/Piano & Singing**

Free



Instructors:

Dempsey Schroeder
Maggie Harp
Joyce Rudningen
Pastor Daryl Thul
Alissa Hulstrand
Darlene Schroeder
Nathan Hulstrand

June 5 – 9 2024
Wednesday – Saturday: 4 – 7 pm
Sunday: 2 – 5:30 pm

Location:
**Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg
&
Sunburg Community Center**

**Pre-Registration
Required**
Call/Text: Darlene
320 212 2050



Made Possible with Generous Support from
Sunburg Community Music Program Hope Lutheran Church Vaxxinova
City of Sunburg/Sunburg Community Center



**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27
in observance of Memorial Day.**



WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

May 4-5 - 247
YouTube - 124 households
General Offering - \$9,968.80

May 11-12 - 194
YouTube - 110 households
General Offering - \$8,207.75

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)

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!



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