



LUTHERAN CHURCH
302 OLENA AVENUE SE
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

The Calvary Messenger ***July 12, 2024***

Next Messenger will be sent out July 26, 2024.
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

WORSHIP SERVICES
Saturday Chapel Service: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am Service



Matthew 5:43-48

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



This past week Bonnie Franzen recommended a book called “Saving my Assassin”. It is about the life of Virginia Prodan, an attorney in Communist Romania in the 80’s and 90’s. Without giving away the outcome of the story because I would like for you to read the book, it is about her struggle living out her Christian life under great persecution. She was at the point of the government had sent an assassin to kill her. Not only does she survive, she thrives and, was a major player in the overthrowing of the evil Communist regime in Romania. She never raised a gun in her defense, she did it by remembering the scripture reading from Matthew 5:44, love your enemy. She preached and lived out the Gospel of Christ in some of the most difficult situations anyone can imagine. She had been arrested, beaten, tortured because she defended Christians and churches against government persecution. She prayed for, preached to, and loved her enemy and God used her to change a godless society into a society that is now majority Christian and has a strong acceptance of all faith traditions.

Loving your enemy and praying for those who persecute you can be a difficult thing to do at times. We probably will never have to experience the persecution Virginia had to experience, but that doesn’t mean we don’t have enemies to love and pray for. In today’s divisive world, we could all benefit from loving our enemy. My challenge to you is to find a copy of her book and read it and to love your enemy, pray for those who persecute you. You never know whose life you could change; it could even be yours. Pastor Dwaine

Special Congregational Meeting

A special congregational meeting of Calvary Lutheran Church members will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at 10:15am in Bethany Hall.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to consider and vote on the Call Committee and Church Council's unanimous recommendation to call an Associate Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church. The church's constitution provides that no proxy or electronic votes are accepted.

Mary Jo DeCathelineau, Congregational President



A huge thank you to: Don Mathews and Deb Lentz for watering our flowers in June. It only takes 15 minutes 3 times a week to water. Please consider signing up at the church office. Thank you!

STUFF THE BUS

Beginning July 6th, the yellow school bus will be in place, ready to collect school supplies for the upcoming school year. Needed items are: notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, markers, hi-lighters, folders, erasers, pens, boxes of tissues, pencil cases, backpacks, etc. Let's help fill the gap to help students who may not have needed supplies. We will be collecting until August 8th.

Thank you in Advance,
-Social Kindness Committee



It's time for...

**SHARE THE
BOUNTY**

**A table is set up inside the
east entry.
All are welcome to give
and receive.**



**THE WONDERFUL STAFF AT GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN
MINISTRIES SENT THIS THANK YOU FOR ERICA MATHEWS
ATTENDING A PANEL AND FOR CALVARY SUPPLYING SOME
WELL DESERVED ENERGY DRINKS FOR THIS SUMMER! THANK
YOU ALL FOR THE SUPPORT!!**



Sundays

July 21st &

August 18th

worship

will be

OUTDOOR.



PLAN A



PLAN B

If you prefer

INDOOR

worship,

please join

us

Saturdays

July 20th &

August 17th

at 5:30pm

in the

Sanctuary.



Family Promise Update
A community-based effort to help families experiencing homelessness

The **Shelter** located on Pacific Avenue Willmar is operating with a 3 person staff and 6 housing rooms that can sleep up to 4-5 people per room depending on make-up of the family. In addition, we have 3 rooms on the second level being made ready as soon as we can. Currently there are 13 host congregations providing meals 3 days a week as well as groceries for the other days of the week. All guests have been meeting with the case manager weekly to go over goals set, budgeting, job searching and housing.

Current Guests:

1. Family of 5 (Mother, Father, Daughter 4, Son 3, Daughter 11 months)
2. Family of 3 (Father, Daughter 12, Son 11)
3. Family of 2 (Mother, Daughter 27)
4. Family of 3 (Mother, Son 4, Daughter 2, has kids part-time)
5. Family of 4 (Mother, Father, Daughter 7, Son 1)
6. Family of 5 (Mother, Father, Daughter 6, Son 5, Son 1)

Upcoming Host Churches:

1. June 17-23 - Svea Lutheran
2. June 24-30 - Unity Christian Reformed
3. July 1-7 - Open
4. July 8-14 - Open
5. **August 19-25 - Calvary Lutheran**

Thank you to our host congregations and especially those individuals that are preparing the serving meals as well as buying groceries. The guests are very appreciative for everything provided by our area churches through the meal support program.

Thank you to all our donors that make this place possible.

Heidi Olson, Guest Relations/Case Manager
Family Promise of Kandiyohi County
questrelations@familypromiseofkc.org
Cell Phone: (320) 905-9272

Family Promise thanks all of their donors that make this place possible.

Items we need:

Diapers Size 4 & 5

Wipes

Laundry Detergent & Dryer Sheets

Dish Soap

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

All Purpose Cleaner

If you are able to purchase any items Family Promise needs, you can drop those items off in the Church Office. It would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

CALVARY FAMILY TIME

EVERYONE IS
WELCOME!

JULY 31ST
7 - 9 PM
FREE EVENT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN
EVENING AT THE DOROTHY
OLSON AQUATIC CENTER!
BRING A FRIEND!



CREATION CARE
Tuesday, July 16th 6:30pm
New Members Welcome!



Gather Bible Study

Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, July 17th at 10:00 am in the Friendship Room.



Blood Drive

Calvary is hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 23rd from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please consider taking part if you are able, as this saves countless lives! Thank you so much.

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday July 24th 6:30 Bethany Hall

Come and visit with our Missionaries from Tanzania. Hear what Steve and Jodi have been working on and enjoy some delicious ice cream and sherbet



Creation Care Tip

Buy Local - Support farmers' markets to supplement your own garden or what you buy at the store. Buy meat from local producers. This helps reduce your carbon footprint.

Outdoor Worship Service at Robbins Island

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, August 18 at 10 am, we will be joining Bethel, Vinje, and Paz churches to have an Outdoor Worship. More details to follow. If anyone has a golf cart or some type of transportation to help our parishioners with mobility issues, please contact the church office at 235-2508. Thank you!

2024 Financials June & YTD

	June Actual	June Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 47,867.89	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (19,519.61)	\$ 348,499.86	\$ 404,325.00	\$ (55,825.14)
Expenses	\$ 63,791.99	\$ 67,352.21	\$ (3,560.22)	\$ 384,500.39	\$ 404,113.72	\$ (19,613.33)
Net Income	\$ (15,924.10)	\$ 35.29	\$ (15,959.39)	\$ (36,000.53)	\$ 211.28	\$ (36,211.81)

*****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.*****

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

June 29-30 - 219
YouTube - 102 households
General Offering - \$7,923.15

July 6-7 - 179
YouTube - 83 households
General Offering - \$21,402.35

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