



The Calvary Messenger ***August 23, 2024***

Next Messenger will be sent out September 6, 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



Jeremiah 29:11-13 has been present all along my faith journey as an adult. One of those reoccurring things that pop up throughout our lives- giving us Déjà vu or making us wonder just what God is trying to tell us. I saw this verse as a young mother who was hearing a call to ministry but trying to ignore it, telling myself I wasn't smart enough, faithful enough, extroverted enough to go to Seminary. The Holy Spirit was trying to tell me that my plans were too small. I didn't listen. I kept volunteering, teaching, singing, but I didn't step out of my comfort zone.

A short time later, a friend and I were leading a women's retreat together. One of the theme verses was Jeremiah 29:11. We were talking about being BOLD in our faith, TRUSTING that God had plans for us that we don't even know about yet. Encouraging each other to GO and DO and TRY in Jesus' name. I was doing my best to walk alongside and cheer on these women in their faith journeys, but I didn't lead by example. I wasn't being bold and going, doing, and trying yet. It wasn't until another teaching experience with my friend when she was introducing me to one of the participants and she said, "I'd like you to meet Amy- she's going to be a pastor someday!" then I was struck by the realization that others were seeing God's plan for me. They were hearing the Holy Spirit's call into my life, and if I was too cowardly to put it into words, they most definitely were not!

It took a little longer for me to actually speak the words out loud for myself, "I want to be a pastor", and I wore out many a hand written copy of Jeremiah 29:11 in the years between walking into that first class on the Luther Seminary campus and walking that aisle at Vinje to my ordination at the altar. I still keep copies of those words in my house, my office, my car, my heart. I rely on the promise that God does indeed have a plan for my life (and yours!) and that the future is full of the hope that God holds for each of us.

I rely on those promises as I have for so many years and more so now I focus on verses 12 and 13- "When you pray, I will listen. If you look for Me in earnest, you will find Me when you seek me." When I'm wondering what plans God has for my young adult children, I seek God and I pray. When those same wonderful children said to me, 'Mom, you need a change- you've got gifts you're not using', I sought God and I prayed. When three of the matriarchs of my family left this earth to return to their heavenly home this spring and I felt deeply their loss and wondered who God wanted me to be in this

stage of my life as one of this generation of family leaders, I looked for God and I prayed. As I am sitting here at Calvary, in this comfortable office, hearing the voices of my new friends down the hall, and I feel those feelings of wondering if I'm ready for all that's coming in the days and weeks ahead, I close my eyes and look to God and pray.

I pray that I may fulfill the plans and purposes that God has for me. I pray that I may enjoy the goodness that God pours into my life and trust that even what I perceive as disaster is something God will use for good. I pray that my future here at Calvary is one of BOLD witness, TRUSTING relationships, and much GOING and DOING and TRYING things according to the movement of the Holy Spirit!

Most of all, I pray for you, siblings in Christ. May we uphold each other as God's plans unfold and remind each other of the words of Jeremiah 29:11. May we encourage each other as we share joys and challenges and remind each other of Jeremiah 29:12-13.

God bless you,
Pastor Amy

AUGUST 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 10th 5:30pm	Traditional Worship in the Chapel Pastor Wayne Kopitzke preaching
Sunday, August 11th 9:00am	Traditional Worship Pastor Wayne Kopitzke preaching
Saturday, August 17th 5:30pm	Collaborative Worship in the Sanctuary with Bethel, Calvary, Paz, & Vinje Pastor Andres Albertsen preaching
Sunday, August 18th 10:00am	Collaborative Worship AT ROBBINS ISLAND with Bethel, Calvary, Paz & Vinje Travis Aufderheide (Green Lake Lutheran Ministries) preaching
Saturday, August 24th 5:30pm	Traditional Worship in the Chapel Pastor Amy Juel preaching
Sunday, August 25th 9:00am	Praise Band led Worship Pr Amy preaching, Pr Dwaine presiding Baptism
Saturday, August 31st 5:30pm	Traditional Worship Pastor Wayne Kopitzke preaching
Sunday, Sept. 1st 9:00am	Installation of Associate Pastor Amy Juel Pastor Seyward Ask preaching (SW MN Synod)

SEPTEMBER 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 1st	9:00am Installation of Associate Pastor Amy Juel Pastor Seyward Ask preaching (SW MN Synod)
Saturday, Sept. 7th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel Pr Wayne preaching
Sunday, Sept. 8th	9:00am Traditional Worship - (God's work. Our hands. to follow) Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, Sept. 14th	5:30pm Traditional Worship- Pr. Amy preaching (In the sanctuary for recording purposes)
Sunday, Sept. 15th 9:30am	9:30am OUTDOOR WORSHIP-RALLY SUNDAY Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr Dwaine presiding
Saturday, Sept. 21st	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Dwaine preaching
Sunday, Sept. 22nd	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
Saturday, Sept. 28th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Wayne preaching
Sunday, Sept. 29th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding

Positive People WANTED

We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the following:

- An Early Childhood Family Sunday School teacher
- 4 year old class
- Kindergarten Class
- 2nd grade class
- 4th grade class

and a few helpers for rooms.
If you would help us, please call
Pastor Dwaine.





PLEASE WEAR NAME TAG

With Pastor Amy joining Calvary, please wear your name tags so she can get to know who you are. Thank you.



Pastor Amy's Installation into Calvary Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, September 1 at our 9:00am Service.** We will be serving cake and coffee in Bethany Hall following the service.

Please mark this on your calendars!

Thank you from Family Promise

Thank you to Calvary Members who donated items to Family Promise. It was very much appreciated!



**Lutheran
Social Service**
of Minnesota

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Lutheran Social Services are in desperate need of personal items for homeless young adults/teenagers who are being helped in our area. Needed items are hairbrushes, hair clip/ties and scrunchies, shampoo and conditioner (regular or small size), deodorant, shave gel, tampons, toothpaste (regular or small), toothbrushes, nail clippers, medicated ChapStick, bug spray, diapers size 5 or 6 and baby wipes. Look for the poster and the bin. We will collect these items through September. Thank you, Calvary! Social Kindness Committee

The Church Office will be closed in observation of Labor Day.



Opportunity to Serve the Willmar Community

Calvary is looking for volunteers to help welcome new families to Willmar by moving furniture. This is an opportunity to support Arrive Ministries in their work with refugees in the community. They have the furniture and transportation: our role is just to provide the hands and smiling faces to bring it into a family's new home, give a warm welcome and make some lasting connections. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help one time or even more than once. If you would like to be contacted when the need arises, or for more information, please contact David Sehloff, (920)809-6888, dsehloff@gmail.com.

**PLEASE
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When you have been hospitalized and then move into a health care facility, please contact the church office to let us know which facility you will be moving in to. The hospitals are not allowed to forward that information to our Pastoral Staff, and they would love to keep in contact with you as you after your hospitalization.

Sunday, Sept. 8th!



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

**ALL are invited
to participate!**

If you have
ideas for
additional
activities,
please
contact
Naomi

A light lunch will be provided beginning at 11:00am

Current planned activities are:

- Cleaning the sanctuary and chapel (Worship Committee)
- Cleaning up the outdoor Calvary property (Creation Care)
- Assembling Activity Kits for Camp Noah (Social Kindness)
- Assembling *Goodie Boxes (Social Kindness)

**If you know of someone going out into the work force or furthering their education after high school, send their address to nbaker@calvarywillmar.org or drop it off at the church office and we will mail them a personally packaged goodie box! Please do this by September 1st so we can prepare. Thanks!*

Helpers are welcome (and needed) for ALL activities!



WHY SINGING IS BAD FOR YOU (and why you shouldn't stop doing it)

People don't often talk about the downsides of singing. Yes, we bang on about the health benefits, social aspects, etc. but seldom mention the bad bits.

Here are 7 terrible things that might happen to you if you start singing.

1. singing can become addictive – once you start singing, it's very hard to stop. It's such an enjoyable activity that you will start noticing it everywhere and begin to take every opportunity you can to sing.
2. singing takes up valuable time – you start by joining a choir once a week, then you do concerts at the weekends, then all those social events, and that great weekend workshop ... before you know it, it's taken over your whole life.
3. you will abandon your friends and family – and spend more time with your new singing chums and on the tour bus and in the pub after the concert (and after weekly rehearsals). You'll also be listening to more CDs on your own, checking out YouTube videos, learning lyrics, etc. No time left for family and friends at all.
4. you will become unbearable to live with – singing makes you so happy that you will wear a constant smile and be humming along all day long in a state of bliss, much to the annoyance of everyone you live with (who will be insanely jealous).
5. singing stops you sleeping – after rehearsal or performance you will be so buoyed up with enthusiasm and joy that you will find it hard to come down off Cloud 9. Not only that, but you'll have all those wonderful tunes bouncing around inside your head. Sleep – who needs it??!!
6. you will spend more money – nice new costume for the next gig, more CDs, songbooks, weekend workshops, maybe even a musical instrument.
7. you might lose your job – for some people singing takes over their lives entirely and they end up singing the whole time. They turn professional or start leading a choir of their own, and before they know it, they have a new career.

So be warned: approach singing with caution. Once you start you might not be able to stop. And it's like a virus which you can easily pass onto someone else. Remain alert at all times in case the bug gets you!

Chris Rowbury's website: chrisrowbury.com





Treble from Down the Hall - August 2024 Naomi Baker

I have been doing one of my least favorite things-cleaning closets. The closets I'm cleaning happen to be in Calvary's choir room. One of the treasures I've found is a box of C.D.s. from 1999. All of the music on the C.D.s is music of Calvary. If you would like one of these, stop at my office for a quick visit!

I have also come across a number of hymnals from years past. I will have those available as well.



ALSO-
Do you play flute?
Did you play flute and want to start up again?
Stop by, call, email or text me!

Until next time...Make a Noise!

**"There's a song in you and it wants to live outside of you.
The world and you both win when you express it."
John Jacobson**





RALLY DAY

Sunday
September 15, 2024
9:30am Outdoor Worship



Join us for fun and
games following
worship!

Creation Care Tip

Use Cruise Control - Did you know cruise control actually consumes less fuel? In fact, cruise control could improve mileage by at least 15%, saving the environment, gas and money in the process. However, don't use cruise control on slippery roads!

This is a bad idea



This is a good idea



**You can join us!
Mondays 5-6:00pm
beginning Sept. 9th
No experience needed**

If you will be joining Bell Choir, please let Naomi know so she can have music ready for everyone! If you have questions, please contact Naomi.

Have you been looking for something...

...Inviting?
Informal?
Imperfect?
Fun?

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel
beginning September 18th

All ages are welcome
No experience necessary
Favorite Songs you choose
Tips on the Voice & Vocal Health

See Naomi Baker for more info.

**SINGING
FOR
FUN!**

Favorite song suggestions are always welcome!

Be the Good... New to you Thrift store has a wonderful program called Be the Good. Donate your gently used clothing and household items, tell them to credit Calvary Lutheran Church and they will keep track of the donations. Each quarter they add up the donations and send Calvary Be the Good gift cards for us to give to people to shop in their store. Thank you to those who donated last quarter as Calvary just received five gift cards that we can in turn give back to the Community.



**PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE NEEDED
TO HELP FILL EMPTY SPOTS ON
OUR USHER TEAMS!**

We at Calvary have six teams of ushers. Each team is responsible for ushering at worship services two months out of the year. If you would like to help serve our awesome Calvary congregation, please let us know by calling the church office and we can put you on an ushering schedule. Thank you so much for your consideration of becoming an usher!

If you or a loved one would like a pastoral visit (ill, hospitalized, or just because), please contact:

Senior Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
(651) 500-7657 - dsutherland@calvarywillmar.org
Associate Pastor Amy Juel
(320) 282-2225 - ajuel@calvarywillmar.org
Associate Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
(320) 841-1951 - revwayne100@gmail.com

Our pastors are always willing to provide support in time of need.

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

***August 10-11 - 171
YouTube - 103
General Offering - \$9,061.94***

***Saturday, August 17 - 90
YouTube - 105
General Offering - \$7,625.95***

2024 Financials July & YTD						
	July Actual	July Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 57,775.69	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (9,611.81)	\$ 406,315.50	\$ 471,712.50	\$ (65,397.00)
Expenses	\$ 59,506.02	\$ 67,352.21	\$ (7,846.19)	\$ 444,046.36	\$ 471,465.93	\$ (27,419.57)
Net Income	\$ (1,730.33)	\$ 35.29	\$ (1,765.62)	\$ (37,730.86)	\$ 246.57	\$ (37,977.43)

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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