

The Calvary Messenger ***September 20, 2024***

Next Messenger will be sent out October 4, 2024.
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.



Ephesians 2: ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Our sermon theme till we enter the Advent season is Discipleship; we will be dwelling on what does it mean to be a Disciple of Christ and how do we take this into the community and live out our calling to be Disciples. As we remember our mission statement “Together in Christ empowered to be and make Disciples”. Why do we do this? We are called to be Disciples, and it is a response to the grace given to us freely by a loving and living God. Through the Holy Spirit we are given faith through our baptism. Faith or grace isn’t something we can do for ourselves; it is given to us by God. So, what can we do?

Because I didn’t come to the Lutheran tradition growing up, but came into the tradition as an adult, I get this question sometimes. What is the difference between the two traditions. I respond with, my former tradition we believed we had to give our lives to Jesus to be saved, in the Lutheran tradition, we gave our lives to Jesus because we have been saved. The giving of ourselves is our response to Christ’s life, death, and resurrection for our salvation. It isn’t what we do that gives us salvation, but what God does. Becoming a Disciple is what we do in response.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer tells us, “Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.”

We can’t earn grace, but we can respond to grace given freely and that is to live into our Discipleship. Pastor Dwaine



This Sunday, September 22nd, all 3-year-olds and 3rd graders will be receiving a new Bible at the 10:15 Church Service. Please plan to join us at the Service so your children can be recognized and receive their Bible.

SEPTEMBER 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

OCTOBER 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 5th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel Pr. Dwaine preaching
Sunday, Oct. 6th	8:00am Traditional Worship-Kaleidoscope Quartet 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship- CONFIRMATION Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr. Amy, Pr. Dwaine presiding
Saturday, Oct. 12th	5:30pm Traditional Worship- Pr. Amy preaching
Sunday, Oct. 13th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
Saturday, Oct. 19th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Wayne preaching
Sunday, Oct. 20th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, Oct. 26th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Amy preaching
Sunday, Oct. 27th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr. Dwaine presiding

TEAM TEACHERS NEEDED for SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you would like to Team Teach every other Sunday, or according to a more flexible schedule that you arrange with another teacher, **THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!** We need a Team Teacher for our 4-Year-Old classroom and a Team Teacher for our 4th Grade classroom. We have one teacher in each classroom already, but, because of work and life schedules, they can't be with us each week. We need YOU 😊

We need teachers (or a team of teachers) for Kindergarten and Second Grade. We currently have **NO** teachers assigned to these classes. Curriculum is easy to follow and ready for you to take home with you to allow you time to prepare. Pastor Amy is always available if you need help with extra activities or ideas for your classroom. Please consider volunteering!

HELPERS are needed for the following classrooms:

Kindergarten

2nd Grade

4th grade

Helpers assist with class projects, activities, and lessons. Students in grades 6-12 can be helpers! Adults can be helpers, too! Please contact Pastor Amy if your student or you would like to be a helper in one of our classrooms this year!

Confirmation Schedule

+10th Grade Confirmation Class Schedule

+Wednesday, September 25

Pizza in the Friendship Room at 5:45

Class with Guest Speakers from 6-7:45

+Wednesday, October 2

Pictures in the Friendship Room at 5:30

FAMILY MEAL following pictures (PLEASE RSVP # of family members who will be joining us for the meal)

+CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, October 6th

+Meet in the Chapel by 10:00

+Worship Service at 10:15am

*Please leave robes on hangers in the Chapel following worship

+6th through 9th Grade Confirmation Class Schedule

+Meet in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:45

+Healthy snacks available

+ENCOUNTER Large Group Opening 6:30-6:50

+ENGAGE Small Group Discussion 6:50-7:10

+MOVE IT Game Time 7:10-7:30

+WORSHIP 7:30-7:45

RAY OF LIFE for UKRAINE is a joint effort to help our brothers and sisters in a time of need. Calvary's Creation Care Team is working with other Willmar Churches to make this happen. Please read the information below...

RAY OF LIFE

SOLAR LIGHTS FOR UKRAINE

THE WAR IN UKRAINE HAS DECIMATED THE ELECTRICAL GRID IN THE COUNTRY. IF THE WAR WERE TO END TODAY, REPLACEMENT OF THAT GRID COULD TAKE DECADES.



A Minnesota non-profit, New Vision, has developed a solar light that can provide great relief for Ukrainian families. Ray of Life kits are approximately the size of a cereal box and weigh about five pounds. When they are fully charged by the sun, they can provide up to 18 hours of light, as well as providing a USB port that can charge cell phones and other devices. These devices can literally be life-saving for those without access to power.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We plan to raise funds to purchase as many solar light kits as we can by the end of October. We'll then work together with friends from area churches to assemble them (more details to come on this!). Each light costs \$125, so we're hopeful that everyone will pitch in at whatever amount you are able to help us to **be the light** for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.



Creation Care Tip

Improve your home's insulation – Save up to \$155 per year. Improving the insulation in your home can be the single most effective action you can take to save energy. Improvements to insulation can help you stay warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer while reducing your energy costs by 15%.



Family Promise Weekly Update September 10, 2024

Family Promise of Kandiyohi County: A community-based effort to help families experiencing homelessness.

The **Shelter** located on Pacific Ave in Willmar is operating with a 3 person staff and 7 housing rooms that can sleep up to 4-5 people per room depending on make-up of the family. In addition, we have 2 rooms on the second level being made ready as soon as we can.

Currently there are 21 congregations providing financial, in-kind, housing supplies, groceries and 3 weekly meals.

Current Guests:

1. Family of 2 (Mother, Daughter 27)
2. Family of 3 (Mother, Son 4, Daughter 2. (Has kids part-time)
3. Family of 3 (Mother, Twin Daughters 1)
4. Family of 2 (Mother, Son 2)
5. Family of 2 (Mother, Daughter 2)
6. Family of 2 (Mother, Daughter 2 months old)

Upcoming Host Churches:

1. September 9-15: Svea Lutheran
2. September 16-22: Unity Christian Reform
3. September 23-29: United Lutheran LL
4. September 30-Oct 6: OPEN

Items Needed

- Hand towels
- Bathroom body towels
- Wash clothes
- Pillows

Gratitude Spotlight

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

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

Family Promise of Kandiyohi County was selected for the Community Spotlight grant program with Lakeland Media. So in November we will be highlighted with a radio ad on stations Q102, The Train, Big Country & KWLM.



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Calvary in the News

Looking for families and Youth who have been involved in a special event or program...we would like to recognize you! Please submit a picture and caption telling us about your picture and we will hang it up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



In The News

Save the date...

KALEIDOSCOPE QUARTET

will be providing music at **Calvary Sunday, October 6th** during both worship services.
More information to come.



KALEIDOSCOPE QUARTET

Men's a cappella at its best with music from Avi Kaplan, Imogen Heap, The High Kings, Ben Folds, and more.

OCTOBER 6 - 3 PM

**THE BARN THEATRE
WILLMAR, MN**



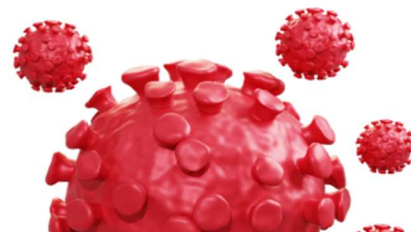
ADULTS \$25 SENIORS 65+ \$20 12 & UNDER FREE

Get your tickets at kquartet.com



Get a flu Vaccine

Cub Pharmacy is coming to the Friendship Room at Calvary
Monday October 7th 11am-1pm
No fee for the vaccine for Members who bring their insurance card





**Drop off your used dental products
October 19th-20th**
**There will be a drop box in the narthex.
 These products will be recycled
 and kept out of the landfill.**



(Empty tubes-Any brand)



(Empty mouthwash containers)



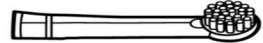
(Used floss picks)



(Empty floss containers)



(Used toothbrushes)



(Used brush heads)

Save the date.....
 Sunday, October 27th, 4pm at Calvary

WEST CENTRAL SINGERS

2024 Financials August & YTD						
	August Actual	August Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 48,534.38	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (18,853.12)	\$ 454,849.88	\$ 539,100.00	\$ (84,250.12)
Expenses	\$ 57,903.32	\$ 67,352.21	\$ (9,448.89)	\$ 501,949.68	\$ 538,818.14	\$ (36,868.46)
Net Income	\$ (9,368.94)	\$ 35.29	\$ (9,404.23)	\$ (47,099.80)	\$ 281.86	\$ (47,381.66)

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

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Associate Pastor Amy Juel
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Associate Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
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Our pastors are always willing to provide support in time of need.

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

September 7 & 8 - 177
YouTube - 95 households
General Offering - \$13,821.80

September 14 & 15 - 195
YouTube - 65 households
General Offering - \$7,780.99

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 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!

