



The Calvary Messenger ***October 4, 2024***

Next Messenger will be sent out October 18, 2024.
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

Together in Christ Empowered to Be and Make Disciples

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31-32)

Dear Friends in Christ,

What comes to mind when you hear the word disciple? For many of us the first image that comes to mind is the chosen twelve that Jesus called to follow him. But, we know that there were many more disciples than just the 12 who were the inner circle. Jesus called many to follow him and be his disciples. So, do you see yourself as a disciple?

What makes a disciple? Jesus called his disciples to follow, to teach, to heal, to pray, to love and serve one another, and to go out baptizing all nations, to name only a few of their tasks. Isn't this also our calling? Why does it seem so hard at times to live out our discipleship?

I think one of the key issues is in the word that has its root in disciple – and that is the word discipline. Jesus calls us to be disciplined in our proclamation of the word, in prayer, in healing, in forgiveness, in loving, in worship, in stewardship, in serving our neighbors, in taking care of our bodies, in teaching others about Jesus. We are called to be disciplined in our relationship with Jesus and our relationship with others. What God calls us to do is not easy. As humans we tend to balk at these disciplines. They may feel like a burden or that they may diminish our freedom. But it is only when we do adhere to these disciplines, hold to Jesus' teaching and respond to God's call, do we truly become free. The freedom we feel without the discipline of faith in Christ is not real freedom. We cannot know the Truth without following God's call, and without knowing the Truth we can never be truly free. So I invite you to try challenging yourself to be more disciplined in God's calling: pray, worship, forgive, sing, study, reach out, serve, teach, be a steward of God's creation and your bodies, be aware of those teaching moments and share God's love and grace with others, heal through love and forgiveness, and be in relationship with God and with all of God's children.

With you on the journey...
Pastor Wayne

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



Treble from Down the Hall - October 2024 Naomi Baker

Three Years...and counting!

I began attending Calvary March 21, 2021, (totally unaware there would be a music position available in the near future). I remember walking into Calvary March 21st. It was Palm Sunday and masking and distancing were the norm as churches began transitioning back to in-person worship. My heart was warmed by the friendly faces that greeted me. My plan was to visit various Lutheran Churches in the area before committing to one, but my plan changed as Calvary felt like a good fit.

I became an official member of Calvary Lutheran Church May 24, 2021, (still not aware Calvary would be seeking a person for the Director of Music Ministry.) It wasn't until I opened my bulletin sometime in June that I was aware of this position. God works in mysterious ways! I am proud to say, I have been with you as your Director of Music Ministry for three years as of September 1, 2024.

Three years has brought an abundance of change to Calvary. I am thankful for all who have made it possible for us to move forward despite various challenges.

In the words of Maya Angelou, *"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

Thank you, Calvary, for making people feel welcomed and valued.



**"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**



4th Grade TEAM TEACHER and 2nd Grade TEACHER 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 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 a teacher (or a team of teachers) Second Grade. We currently have NO teachers assigned to this class and are very thankful that our First Grade teacher and helper have been welcoming second grade into their classroom. 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:

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!

3 Year Old's Classroom is learning about God's Good Creation



Confirmation Schedule

+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

Starting October 9th

**Something New
Silent Bible Study**

*Coffee Provided
Bring your own
lunch*

Wednesdays in the Calvary Church Library

How it works:

Social time 12-12:30

Silent Reading and Eating time 12:30-1:00

Voluntary Sharing and Closing Prayer 1:00- 1:15

All are Welcome!



"I went to Singing for Fun & had a BLAST! You should try it!"

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel

SINGING FOR FUN!

The more, the merrier!

All ages are welcome!

You don't even need to know how to read music!

See Naomi Baker for more info.

Library News

The Calvary Library is looking for volunteers to work in the library between church services on Sunday mornings. This is a no stress volunteer opportunity and training will be provided. If this is something that you might be interested in helping with, please contact Beth Bloomquist (320-905-8678), Kristi Glup (320-979-0295), or Cathy Halbritter (320-979-0129).

Let's Read for Ice Cream!!!

Who doesn't love ice cream and reading? Your child can earn an ice cream treat each month by reading 10 books from the Calvary library. Stop by the library on Sunday mornings and pick up a form to keep track of book titles read. When 10 books have been read, turn in the form at the library in exchange for a coupon for an ice cream treat. If your child completes more than 1 form per month, their name will be entered in a drawing for a Culver's Plushie.

THIS SUNDAY

KALEIDOSCOPE QUARTET will be providing music at **Calvary Sunday, October 6th** during both worship services. **PLUS**, they will perform at The Barn Theatre at 3pm Sunday.

FUN FACT One of the singers is a cousin to Andy Berg!

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

Get your tickets at kquartet.com



Thank you to all who so generously donated to the collection of personal needs items for Lutheran Social Services to be used for at-risk teens in our area. LSS is very grateful for our help with this program, as can be seen in their thank-you notes on the bulletin board. Social Kindness Committee

Creation Care Tip

Seal air leaks – Save up to \$155 per year. In most homes, if you add up all the air leaks, the impact on your energy use is similar to leaving a window open. Air sealing is one of the most cost-effective measures you can take to improve your home's comfort and energy efficiency. You can save up to 20% on your heating and cooling costs.



Text Bible Study

Please join us for our weekly Text Bible Study on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Friendship Room. Bring a friend and enjoy your time with others discussing the text for Calvary's weekend services.

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



BeFriender's Meeting

The BeFriender's Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 2:00 pm in the Calvary Library. We hope to see you then!

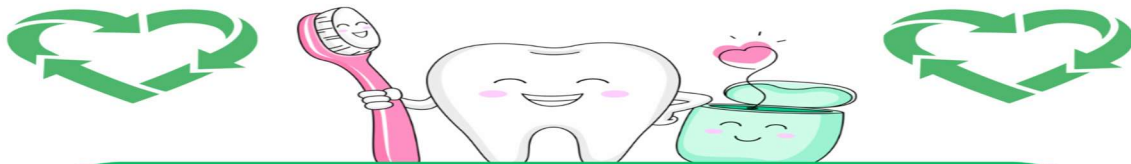
NTY Friday, October 11 12:00 Noon

Shelley Hedlund will be the guest speaker about her many trips to Israel. She will share photos from her trips and talk about the Bible lessons that her Jewish tour guide, who believes in Jesus, has taught over the years. She will also share how these trips have drawn her closer to Christ. She will have some photos of Tanzania also and the children's home she has visited. Please call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, October 9th to register. Guests are always welcome. If you can't make it for lunch, you're welcome to come for just the program at 1:00 p.m. Cost for lunch will be \$7.00, payable the day of NTY. Please pay when you arrive and not at the church office. (Note that cancellations after Wednesday and no-shows, will still require payment due to increased food costs.) Thank you.

If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.

Gather Bible Study

Gather Bible study will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at 10am in the Friendship Room.



**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)

"Come support Scout Troop 224 at our annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday October 26 from 7-11. Proceeds help support the scouts and Troop to get out camping and participating in other opportunities. Breakfast is in Bethany Hall at Calvary Lutheran Church and is a Free Will Donation for all you can eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Thanks for supporting our Troop and the youth it serves."



**TRUNK OR TREAT FOR ALL AGES
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 1PM**

Halloween Fun in our parking lot! (Inside if the weather does not cooperate). Come any time after 10am to find your parking spot and decorate your car in our east parking lot. Bring treats, games, etc for kiddos and families who will be "Trunk or

Treating" around the lot.

Outdoor games and beverages will be provided by the church.

This event is for all ages! Please join in the fun! Please RSVP to Pastor Amy if you plan to bring a vehicle to decorate.

Candy, stickers, fun item donations are being accepted at the church office to be given away during the celebration!

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

WEST CENTRAL
SINGERS

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SINGERS
presents
Nursery Rhymes and Poems
Director Naomi Powers-Baker
Accompanist Kari Stadem

Saturday, October 26, 2024 + 4 pm
Peace Lutheran Church + 100 4th Ave SW + New London, MN
Sunday, October 27, 2024 + 4 pm
Calvary Lutheran Church + 302 Olena Ave SE + Willmar, MN
westcentralsingers.com
Tickets Available at the Door - Adults \$10 | Children & Students free!

New Member Class & Recognition

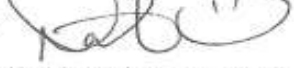
On Sunday, October 27 between the 8:00 and 10:15 services, we will have a New Member Class in the Koinonia Room. On Sunday, November 3, we will have a Recognition of our new members. If you are interested in joining Calvary, please contact the church office. Thank you.



Hospice
301 Becker Ave SW
Willmar, MN 56201

Phone 320-231-4450
Fax 320-231-4875

M E M O

TO: Area Churches 
FROM: Deb Van Buren, Hospice Volunteer Services Manager
DATE: September 2024
RE: CentraCare Hospice and Volunteer Training

We would be so pleased if you would be able to add this "blurb" into the church bulletin for the next few weeks as we continue to add new volunteers to CentraCare Hospice as we care for loved ones in your community during their final days on this side of heaven! Or we would appreciate it being shared from the pulpit in your announcements if possible, too!

Hospice Volunteer Training:

CentraCare Hospice (formerly known as Rice Hospice) currently has a high need for volunteers in your area and we invite you to consider learning more about this opportunity. As a volunteer, you will be able to enrich the lives of others during their final journey on this side of heaven. CentraCare Hospice care brings hope to help people live life as fully as possible.

Our Fall volunteer training will be held at Rice Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, October 8, and Thursday, October 10. The 2-day training we will give you a comprehensive look at the hospice program including communication and caring skills, infection control, overview of our complementary therapies, and so much more.

CentraCare Hospice is looking for men and women of all backgrounds who have hearts of compassion and a genuine interest in helping others. (We do have a high need for veteran volunteers.) For questions or for more information please call Deb Van Buren at CentraCare Hospice, 320-231-4450. Or visit CentraCare Hospice online at www.centracare.com/hospice.

We have also enclosed a few copies of the training brochure if anyone is interested!

Thanks in advance!



CentraCare.com

New to You Thrift Store Needs Volunteers

New to You Thrift Store is looking for volunteers to join their team! Whether you have a little time to give or a lot, no matter your skill set, there are many ways to get involved. We can find the right fit for you! Participation can vary from a couple hours a month up to one to two times a week, mornings or afternoons. New to You would not be where it is today without the help of volunteers over the years. Would you consider helping us continue in our ministry? Stop in to pick up a Volunteer Questionnaire or call 320-231-1850 for more information. Thank you!

Brenda Ten Pas

Administrative Assistant

New to You Thrift Store

p 320.231.1850

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

Senior Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

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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 21 & 22 - 286

YouTube - 157 households

Sunday School Attendance - 48

General Offering - \$18,535.84

September 28 & 29 - 254

YouTube - 171 households

Sunday School Attendance - 47

General Offering - \$7,561.45

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 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!

