



Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH
302 OLENA AVENUE SE
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

The Calvary Messenger ***November 1, 2024***

Next Messenger will be sent out November 15, 2024.
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

Matthew 18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² He called a child, whom he put among them, ³ and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

In our culture we can have a pragmatic approach to our service to the church and to God, we many times look for status and recognition for this. Jesus turns this upside down when the disciples wanted to know who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus emphasizes the importance of humility by using a child as an example. In the cultural context of the time, children were seen as lowly and without status. By instructing his disciples to become like children, Jesus is teaching them to adopt a posture of humility and dependence on God. Children are often seen as symbols of innocence and trust. Jesus encourages his followers to embody these qualities, suggesting that a pure and trusting heart is essential for entering the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus' statement about welcoming children in his name underscores the value of accepting and caring for those who are often overlooked or marginalized. This act of welcoming is equated with welcoming Jesus himself, highlighting the intrinsic worth of every individual. The call to "change and become like little children" implies a transformation of heart and mind. It suggests that entering the Kingdom of Heaven requires a fundamental shift in how one views oneself and others, moving away from pride and self-sufficiency towards humility and reliance on God. Lest we forget, Jesus came to us as a child, God sent the Son of God to us as a child. God is asking us to do the same thing. In essence, Matthew 18:1-5 challenges believers to rethink their notions of greatness and to embrace a childlike humility and openness. It is a call to value and welcome the lowly, to trust in God with a pure heart, and to undergo a transformation that aligns with the values of the Kingdom of Heaven. This passage serves as a timeless reminder of the virtues that are esteemed in the eyes of God and the attitudes that are necessary for true spiritual greatness. Go in Peace and be Christ like as a Child of God.
Pastor Dwaine Sutherland



All Saints

Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Dr John Gilbertson	11/04/2023	LeAnne Freeman	06/02/2024
Dorothea Nelson	11/06/2023	Marjorie Swanson	06/04/2024
Doris Doerhoefer	12/14/2023	Kenneth Knesting Jr	06/05/2024
Arlene Ekren	02/01/2024	Evelyn Henrichsen	07/20/2024
Shirley Ringness	02/13/2024	Susan Jurgens-Kammen	09/12/2024
Gene Fenstra	03/09/2024	Muriel Strom	09/12/2024
Natasha Fester	03/13/2024	Eugene Seydel	09/13/2024
Kevin Peterson	03/24/2024	Pablo Rodriguez	09/19/2024
DeElla Aamot	04/10/2024	Rosabelle Hensch	09/22/2024
Rayburn Norling	04/23/2024	Ruth Sherwood	10/08/2024
Robbie Hjelle	05/14/2024	McKenna Swenson	10/10/2024
Donavon Monson	05/27/2024	Donald Kemnitz	10/25/2024
		Margaret Gravgaard	10/28/2024



Baptisms

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Lena Henrickson	12/28/2023	Sadie Palmquist	09/15/2024
Nicholas Larsen	02/25/2024	Amber Hurley	09/22/2024
Ryder Rush	04/20/2024	Leon Sehloff	09/29/2024
Elizabeth Newberg	08/25/2024	Cora Caron	10/27/2024

NOVEMBER 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 2nd	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - All Saints Pr. Dwaine preaching
Sunday, Nov. 3rd (Daylight Savings)	8:00am Traditional Worship - All Saints 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band/Youth led Worship - All Saints-Noisy Offering Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
Saturday, Nov. 9th	5:30pm Traditional Worship- Pr. Wayne preaching
Sunday, Nov. 10th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, Nov. 16th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Amy preaching
Sunday, Nov. 17th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr. Dwaine presiding
Saturday, Nov. 23rd	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Dwaine preaching
Sunday, Nov. 24th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
Wednesday, Nov. 27th	6:30pm Thanksgiving Worship - Pie to follow
Saturday, Nov. 30th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Wayne preaching
Sunday, Dec. 1st (Advent begins)	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr Wayne preaching, Pr Dwaine presiding

FAITH FORMATION & FAMILY MINISTRY ASSOCIATE POSITION

Calvary is looking to hire a Faith Formation and Family Ministry person. If you are interested in applying for this position, you can see the full job description on Calvary's Website. The job is open to everyone. Please contact the Church Office, Pastor Dwaine or Pastor Amy.

Calvary Lutheran Church is putting together a Call Committee for the possibility of calling a Deacon for the Faith Formation and Family Ministry Associate position. If you have any questions or have an interest in serving on the Committee, please contact Pastor Dwaine or Pastor Amy.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR DWAIN

Meet Pastor Dwaine for coffee and conversation on Thursdays at 2:00pm at LuLu Beans.



Social Kindness Committee

Social Kindness has changed their meeting to Monday, November 4 at 1:00pm in the Friendship Room.

Charity Circle

Charity Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30pm in the Koinonia Room (change of location due to General Election in the Friendship Room)

Deaconess Meeting

The Deaconess Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6 at 1:30pm in the Friendship Room.

Altar Guild Needs Your Help!

During our upcoming holiday season in church, we have no one signed up to help with communion in the month of December. Please seriously consider helping as we have many services with communion being served. Contact the church office or Susan Roepke 320-894-4228 if you can help. Thank you!

Silent Bible Study

1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month in our Church Library

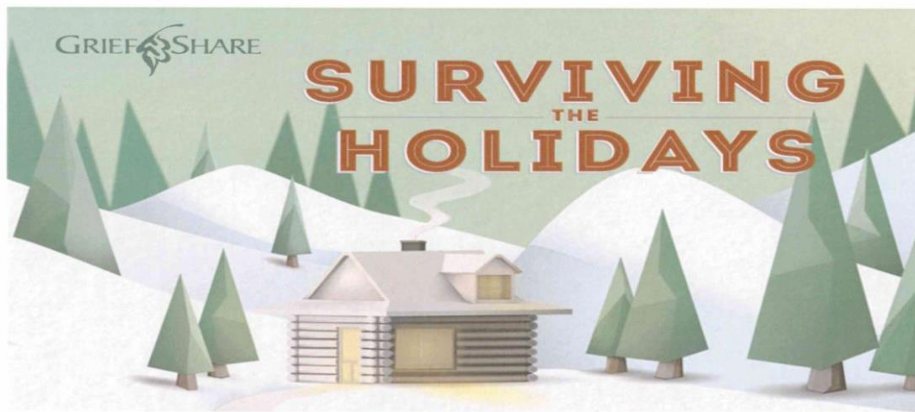
Both men and women are encouraged to join this Bible Study from 12 - 1:30pm. Coffee will be provided and bring your own lunch.

NTY

Friday, November 8

12:00 Noon

How well do you know Pastor Amy? Did you know she lived in 4 different states before moving to Minnesota in 1984? Did you know she lived in 6 different cities before coming to Willmar? Did you know her first call as Pastor was with the Area Churches together (ACT), a six-point parish serving the Murdock, DeGraff, and Sunburg area? While there, she began working at the Campus Ministry Center as Chaplain for Lutheran Campus Ministry, serving students and staff from Ridgewater College. Did you know she has worked in Youth Ministry for almost 30 years? Did you know she still volunteers at the Campus Ministry Center on her day off? Did you know that she is the mother of 4 adult children and also is Mom to 6 fur babies, her kitties? She joined Calvary staff as Associate Pastor in August of 2024, after serving at Maynard Lutheran Church. If you want to know more about her life and the interesting lives of her children, please come to NTY on Friday, November 8th. Please call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, November 6th to register for lunch, which is \$7.00. If you can't make it for lunch, you're welcome to come for the program at 1:00 p.m. 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 question, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.



Grieving? Know someone who is?

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. The *Surviving the Holidays* seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

This one-time free seminar
Saturday, November 9 | 10 am - 12 pm
in the Fireside Room.

To register or have questions
call 320-235-4317.

 **LIVING HOPE**

1305 19th AVE SW, WILLMAR, MN
www.livinghopewillmar.org



**Would you like to give a poinsettia plant for
decorating our church during this Christmas season?**

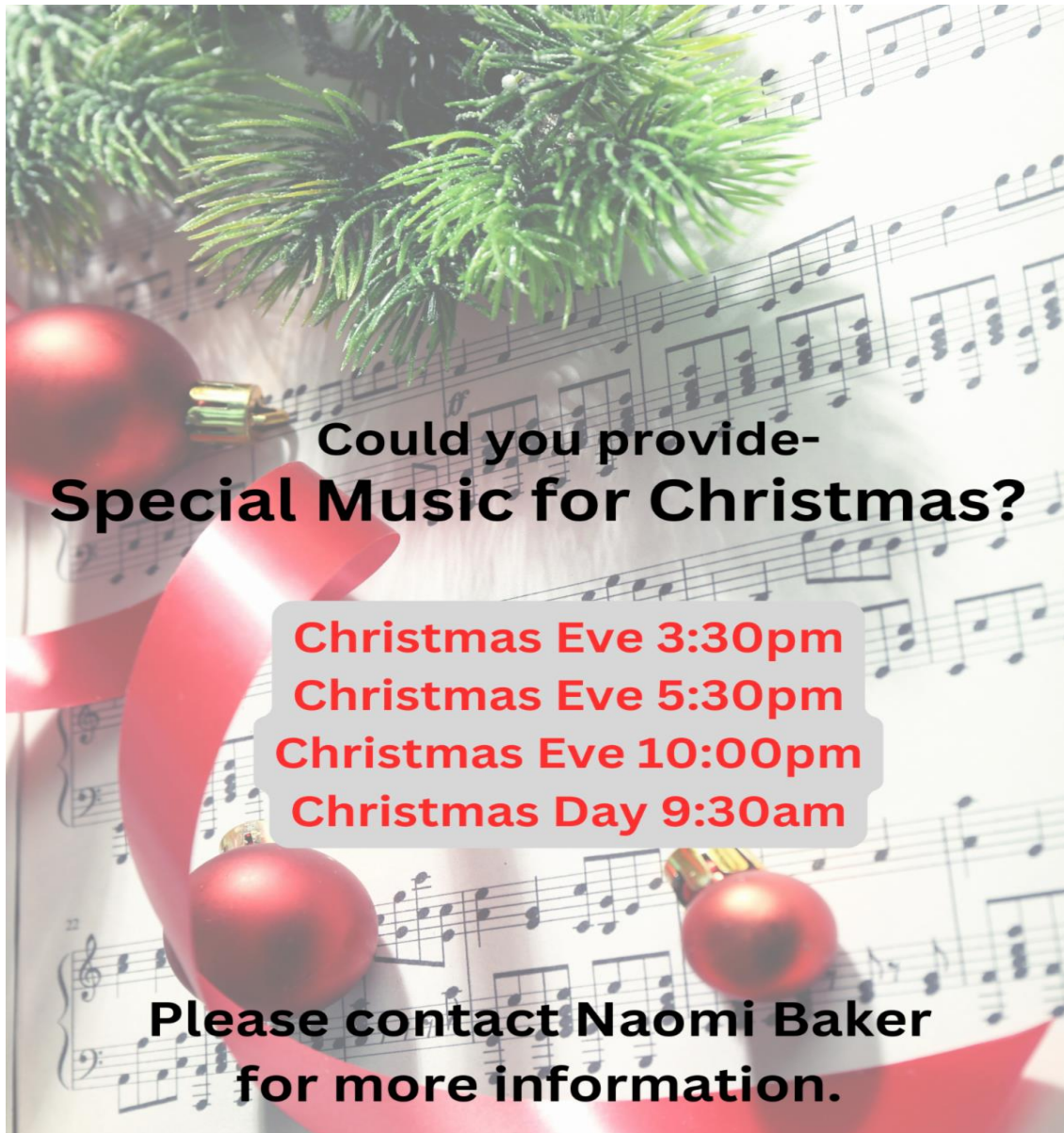
- The poinsettias are given 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one.
- The cost is \$10.00 per plant.

Stop by the church office along with your payment. ***The deadline for ordering these plants is December 2nd.***

You may take your plant home after the service on **December 24th.**



Please make checks payable to "Calvary Lutheran Church."
Thank you!



Could you provide- **Special Music for Christmas?**

Christmas Eve 3:30pm
Christmas Eve 5:30pm
Christmas Eve 10:00pm
Christmas Day 9:30am

**Please contact Naomi Baker
for more information.**

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.

Would you be willing to:

- Play or sing prelude music?
- Provide special music?
- Help lead worship?
- Play or sing at offering?

We are looking for additional musicians to share their talents.
(Confirmation students can earn service points!)

Creation Care

Solar Lights for Ukraine - Update

The date for assembling the Solar Lights for Ukraine has been moved to **Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 at Vinje**. All the parts needed for our 100 lights (yes 100!!) were delayed in shipping and clearing customs. We will continue to update you on this change. THANKS to all who have provided funding for this important outreach to the people of Ukraine.

Creation Care teams at Vinje, Calvary and Bethel

New Member Recognition

On Sunday, November 3, we will have a Recognition of our new members. Cake and coffee will be served at Coffee time between the 8:00 and 10:15 services. Our new members are:

Ann Hanson
 David & Andrea Ditlefson
 Jordan & Jayde Smith
 Everleigh, Archer & Ryker

Andy Jaeger
 Zach & Brittany Jaeger
 Raymond, Jasmine,
 DuWayne, Isabella,
 & Sabrina



**Daylight Savings Ends at 2am November 3, 2024.
Be sure set your clocks back 1 hour.**



On Sunday, November 3, at 10:15 service, we will have Noisy Offering for Hope for Our City.

We will also have a Youth Led service with the Sunday School Students singing!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
"A Night of Gratitude"

AN OPEN HOUSE FUNDRAISER TO CELEBRATE THOSE WHO
HAVE HELPED MAKE A DIFFERENCE



NOVEMBER

THURSDAY

7

4:30PM-7:30 PM

2024

20 CENTRAL AVE. E., NEW LONDON
SEE BACK FOR DETAILS

Bring a friend and join us for a night of

GRAT-I-TUDE

NOUN: /GRA-TA-TUDE/1: DEEP FEELING OF APPRECIATION

2: AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LIFES BLESSINGS

3: EXPRESSION OF HEARTFELT THANKS

-LEARN ABOUT THE LINK'S CURRENT PROGRAMS AND HOW YOUR DONATIONS HAVE IMPACTED THE COMMUNITY IN 2024-

-VIP HOLIDAY SHOPPING ACCESS AT THE THRIFT STORE-

-LIGHT APPETIZERS & REFRESHMENTS-

-PRIZE DRAWINGS-

(Your monetary donation that evening will enter you into our prize drawings!)

***We will also be collecting new toys for Christmas and food donations at the event.*

Please RSVP to Ashley at director@youarethelink.org or 320-354-5465 by November 1st.

**Saturday Worship, November 9th
will be in the Sanctuary as the
Bell Choir will be providing music.**





Family Promise Weekly Update October 15, 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, Father Daughter 2)
3. Family of 3 (Father, Daughter 3, Daughter 2)
4. Family of 3 (Mother, Son 4, Daughter 2)

Upcoming Host Churches:

1. October 21-27: Evangelical Covenant, Salem Covenant, Crossroads UMC
2. October 28-November 3: Assemblies of God
3. November 4-10: Bethel & Catholic Parishes
4. November 11-17: Calvary Lutheran

Successful Families:

From the beginning of September to middle of October Family Promise has had 7 families move out and into permanent housing!
Mother, daughter 16, daughter 12
Mother, Son 12
Mother, daughter 1, daughter 1
Mother, daughter 3 months old
Mother, son 2
Mother, son 4, daughter 2
Mother, daughter 27 (moving out this week)

Thank You to everyone who showed up to "Meet the new Executive Director Jason Burnett" event on October 14th! It was so nice to meet and see everyone who helps support Family Promise.



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.

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

October 19 & 20 - 234
YouTube - 129 households
Sunday School Attendance - 38
General Offering - \$9,837.40

October 26 & 27 - 237
YouTube - 124 households
Sunday School Attendance - 37
General Offering - \$8,528.84

