



Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
302 OLENA AVENUE SE  
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

## ***The Calvary Messenger*** ***November 15, 2024***

**Next Messenger will be sent out December 13, 2024.**  
**If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are moving quickly through the month of November. November is a month for remembrance. We think back to the past growing season and warmer weather. We look back over the past year - and give thanks to God for the blessings of this year. Or we may look back over the year and remember the pain - in that case, we may look forward to the future with hope.

November is a month for remembrance. November calls to mind those who have served their country with the observance of Veterans' Day.

November is a month for remembrance. As November heralds the dying of the landscape around us, the readings and liturgy call us to remember those who have died in Christ. As the liturgical year draws to a close, we hear warnings about the end of time, stories of crisis and judgment, and parables of loss and death. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality.

November is a month for remembrance, but it also encourages us to look ahead. At the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. While we may face dying or death with fear, the liturgy calls us to hear the Lord's promise that he is with us in life and in death.

Christ has claimed us in Holy Baptism. Christ nourishes us in the Holy Communion. Christ leads us to the new Jerusalem. There we shall join all the saints in praise of God, who has turned our graves into the doorway to eternal life.

All Saints' Sunday, November 3, was the church's way of remembering where we have come from, but also where we are headed. On Christ the King Sunday, November 24, we will remember that Jesus was named a king only in death. Our merciful and loving ruler reigned from the cross. The Prayer of the Day for that Sunday encourages us not only to remember what Jesus has done for us, but also to look to the glorious future:

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship page 53*)

With you on the journey...  
Pastor Wayne

## Holy Communion Reminders...

\*Communion is celebrated at the altar rail on the first and third Sundays of each month. Communion is celebrated by intinction on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays of each month. Individual cups are available on intinction Sundays for those who prefer not to intinct.



\*Wine and grape juice; bread or wafers and gluten free wafers are available at each communion station.

\*In an effort to keep everyone in the congregation as healthy as possible, all who serve Holy Communion use hand sanitizer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, **hand sanitizer is better at killing bacteria and most viruses than hand washing alone.**

## NOVEMBER 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

## DECEMBER 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, Nov. 30th</b>	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Wayne preaching
<b>Sunday, Dec. 1st</b>	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
<b>Saturday, Dec. 7th</b>	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pr. Amy preaching
<b>Sunday, Dec. 8th</b>	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am YOUTH LED/SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/NOISY OFFERING Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr. Dwaine presiding
<b>Saturday, Dec. 14th</b>	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Dwaine preaching
<b>Sunday, Dec. 15th</b>	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 18th</b>	6:30pm Blue Christmas
<b>Saturday, Dec. 21st</b>	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Wayne preaching
<b>Sunday, Dec. 22nd</b>	9:30am Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
<b>Monday, Dec. 23rd</b>	7:00pm Little Norwegian Christmas
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	3:30pm Pr Dwaine preaching, Pr Amy, Pr Wayne presiding 5:30pm Pr Dwaine preaching, Pr Amy, Pr Wayne presiding 10:00pm Pr Wayne preaching
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9:30am Pr Amy
<b>Saturday, Dec. 28th</b>	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pr Amy
<b>Sunday, Dec. 29th</b>	9:30am Traditional Worship - Pr Wayne preaching, Pr Dwaine presiding

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who donated to the Hats, Mittens, Socks Drive for our Willmar School kids. We were able to provide the schools with 34 hats, 39 pairs of gloves and mittens, and 102 pairs of socks, along with 127 pairs of underwear! What a blessing! Social Kindness Committee



## 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.

## CALL COMMITTEE FOR FAITH FORMATION ASSOCIATE POSITION

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.



To my Calvary family, I want to share my gratitude for the prayers, cards, and donations to a memorial fund in my mother's name during our time of mourning.  
Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Once again, the Social Kindness will be providing each of us the opportunity to give a Christmas gift to someone in our community in need. Our Giving Tree, filled with ornaments, will be going up November 23. That will give each of you plenty of time to choose an ornament (or 2), purchase the requested gift and return it to the church office before **December 15**.



Please use a gift bag and attach the colored ornament to the bag. These gifts bring such joy to the recipients and to the givers, as well. Thank you for your participation.

Social Kindness Committee

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### **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR DWAIN**

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

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### **TIME AND TALENTS NEEDED**

Please consider giving your time and talents to either the Finance or Stewardship Committee! We are looking for individuals with skills in the area of finance who are good with numbers, projections, and have good analytical skills required to prepare budgets and make profit/loss predictions. For the Stewardship Committee we are looking for individuals with skills in relationship building, are comfortable working with people, and have a strategic mind for idea creation, finding solutions, and engaging others. If this sounds like you and you are committed to serve Calvary in this capacity, please contact either Shawn Swenson 218-443-0427 (shawnsvenson@gmail.com) or Caleb Hanson 320-220-4939 (calebhanson91@gmail.com).

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### **BEFRIENDER MINISTRY Did you know?**

Calvary has a team of 8 trained lay BeFriender Ministers who are available to visit with you and listen to your concerns. We have both male and female lay volunteers who maintain confidentiality.



Are you experiencing any life events such as:

- \*Death of a loved one
- \*Caregiver stress
- \*Financial worries
- \*New parent or parenting challenges
- \*Empty nest syndrome
- \*New to Calvary or the Willmar community
- \*Social isolation

Let us be there for you and with you! The heart of the BeFriender Ministry is listening (not counseling)

For more information contact:

Beth Bloomquist, mbloomquist@charter.net, 320-905-8678

Nancy Holt, nholt0414@gmail.com



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## **MEMORIAL TREE**

### ***Honoring the memory of those we have lost***

Looking for individuals or families willing to help with set up the first week of December, maintaining, and take down of the Memorial Tree. Please contact the church office or Krista Willis at 320-905-2946. Our Memorial Tree will be located at the east entrance. You may add your ornaments during regular office hours, M-F, 7:30 to 4:30pm. Please pick them back up by Monday, January 6th, or they will be stored for next time. Thank you!

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## **HOPE CIRCLE**

Calvary's Hope Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at 8:30am at McMillans Restaurant.

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## **GATHER BIBLE STUDY**

Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at 10:00am in the Friendship Room.

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## **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

We will have our Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30pm with pie and coffee to follow.



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## **CONFIRMATION REMINDER**

There will be no confirmation on November 27th due to Thanksgiving service.

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## **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED/NO MESSENGER FOR 11-29-24**

The church office will be closed November 28th & 29th in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday. Due to the short work week, we will not be sending out or printing the Messenger.

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## **SOCIAL KINDNESS**

Social Kindness Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 1:00pm in the Friendship Room.

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## **DEACONESS MEETING**

Deaconess Meeting will meet on Wednesday, December 4 at 1:30pm in the Friendship Room.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

A busy day at Calvary you won't want to miss. We will have a Youth Led service with Noisy Offering. We will also have our Christmas Program.



### **'Twas the Night Before Christmas**

Christmas is a peaceful, calm, hope-filled season...

right? No! says Mr. Mouse. He believes Christmas is a season of gifts and stuff and things- "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme!" until our readers tell him the story of a very different, very wonderous Christmas. Join us Sunday, December 8 at the 10:15 Youth Led Worship Service as we hear the greatest story ever told and be reminded that all the stuff and things mean nothing when compared with the real gift of the season, Jesus!

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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Tuesday, December 10th at 9:30, we will gather in Bethany Hall to do holiday baking. More details to follow.

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**NTY  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13  
12:00 PM  
MEDLEY OF CHRISTMAS SONGS  
BY TERRY SHAW**

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### **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.

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### **GATHERING PLACE DISCUSSIONS ON SUNDAYS WITH PASTOR DWAIN**

Join Pastor Dwaine on Sundays from 9:15 - 9:45 in the Gathering Place to talk about "What Is It Like to be a Christian in Today's World".



ORDER YOUR  
**Poinsettias**

**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 24<sup>th</sup>.**



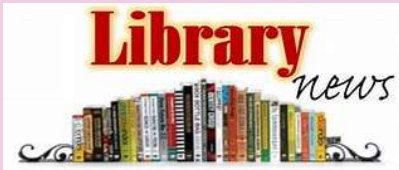
Please make checks payable to "Calvary Lutheran Church."  
Thank you!



**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.

**The library will be open every Sunday between the 8:00 and 10:15 services.**

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## AV UPDATE

There was a delay due to acoustic panels being damaged in shipment. Everything is ready to go, but due to the busy Christmas holiday, installation will start at the beginning of 2025.

**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!)**



## REMINDER - ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports are due **Tuesday, December 3**. Please email [plueders@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:plueders@calvarywillmar.org). Thank you!



## CREATION CARE

### Solar Lights for Ukraine - Update

Thanks to the generous contributions, we have raised funds for 100 lights to ship to Ukraine. Putting the parts together is not complicated. We now need volunteers to assemble and get ready to ship. Come join other community volunteers on **Tuesday, Dec 3, at 6:30 at Vinje**.

Creation Care teams at Vinje, Calvary and Bethel



We will be placing an order for Name Tags. If you need one, please contact the office. Thank you.

2024 Financials October & YTD						
	October Actual	October Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 44,284.71	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (23,102.79)	\$ 544,911.93	\$ 673,875.00	\$ (128,963.07)
Expenses	\$ 65,907.31	\$ 67,352.21	\$ (1,444.90)	\$ 631,219.47	\$ 673,522.56	\$ (42,303.09)
Net Income	\$ (21,622.60)	\$ 35.29	\$ (21,657.89)	\$ (86,307.54)	\$ 352.44	\$ (86,659.98)

## WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

**November 2 & 3 - 318**  
**YouTube - 134 households**  
**Sunday School Attendance - 53**  
**General Offering - \$16,828.82**

**November 9 & 10 - 204**  
**YouTube - 100 households**  
**Sunday School Attendance - 40**  
**General Offering - \$6,674.07**



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE MINISTRIES OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, PLEASE SCAN OUR QR CODE.

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

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***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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