



LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WILLMAR, MINNESOTA 56201

The Calvary Messenger ***January 10, 2025***

Next Messenger will be sent out January 24, 2025.
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

Go in true peace; love and care for one another

It's not God alone who accompanies us from Sunday into our Monday worlds. Those who have been gathered in God's name and shaped into a community of faith continue to love, care for, and walk with one another. Throughout the week the members of the community stay in touch with one another through prayer, conversation, consolation, in gatherings for study, action, and service. Such activities flow out of Sunday worship and look forward to next Sunday's gathering.

God's word leads us into lives of prayer and proclamation. It is out of the word and promise of God that we can pray for one another and for the needs of the world. In prayer we name the honesty of both scripture and preaching- the pains and struggles of our world. We name names and sins, needs, and hopes. In our praying we remember that we are God's first answer to our own prayers. Prayer is not just spoken but lived. Christians are called by God to be workers in the kingdom, a presence of faith, peace, hope, love, and care.

God's word is a word to be shared. Although we tend to think of the pastor as the preacher- the one who bears responsibility for proclaiming the gospel in public worship- all the baptized share that responsibility. Lutherans have a reputation for not being very good at sharing their faith. Even in our area where there are SO MANY Lutheran Churches, there are many people who have not heard the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ or who do not think that such good news is for them! They don't feel that peace, love, and care that we take for granted!

Jesus commanded his followers (us!) to make disciples of all nations, and that includes the people next door. How are they to hear without someone loving and caring for them enough to invite them (sometimes inviting them many times) to worship, to Bible Study, or into our homes for fellowship? And when they come, will they be welcomed, loved, and cared for so that they know that God's word is indeed *good news*- that their lives will be changed in an encounter with Jesus Christ?

They will be if you carry your faith from Sunday to Monday (and Tuesday, and Wednesday, etc.) remembering and living this dismissal message from our 10:15 service on January 12, "Go in true peace; love and care for one another"! Pastor Amy

AV INSTALLATION UPDATE

Our 2nd phase of the AV installation will start on Monday, January 12. Please bear with us during this transition during the next week and a half.

Also, we are looking for interested teenagers to adults to be involved in learning our new system. What an awesome experience this could be for ALL! Thank you so much for considering.



**NOISY OFFERING AND YOUTH LED SERVICE
WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH.**

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 8:30am at McMillans Restaurant.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY

Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00am in the Friendship Room.



HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS

Home Communion Members will meet on Thursday, January 16 at 11:30am in the Friendship Room. All members are encouraged to attend as we have not had a meeting for 2 years. Thank you!

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Join us on Sunday, January 19 at 9:00am in the Friendship Room.





DONATIONS TO NEW 2 YOU

Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to clean your closets? If so, bring your items to New 2 You and mention Calvary Lutheran Church for us to get credit for **Be the Good Program**. Recently, we have received close to \$400 worth of gift cards that we have passed on to Family

Promise, the Women's Shelter, and Social Kindness. Thank you for your help!

CREATION CARE

Recycle Styrofoam – Clean Styrofoam can be recycled in Hutchinson, MN at McLeod County Recycling. Styrofoam and paper shredding is available during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm) at 1065 5th Ave. SE, Hutchinson. Call with questions at (320) 484-4300.

Next meeting of Creation Care will be on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30pm in the Friendship Room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to get involved with Sunday School? Here's your chance! Our learners are in need of a teacher (or teaching team) in the **FIRST/SECOND** grade classroom and a part time teacher in the **FOURTH** grade classroom. Please contact Pastor Amy for more information!

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Thank you to all who have signed up to serve meals January 20, 21 & 23. **We now are in need of a grocery shopper to purchase groceries for that week using Family Promise funds. Groceries will need to be brought to Family Promise the morning of January 20th. Please call Joni Hanson 320-220-1324 if you are able to help out. Thank you!**

The Altar Guild would like to thank all the committee members and church members who helped with preparing for Communion at the many services this past year. We could not have done it without your help. You are all a Blessing to Calvary.



JANUARY 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pastor Dwaine preaching
Sunday, January 5th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
Saturday, January 11th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pr. Wayne preaching
Sunday, January 12th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am YOUTH LED & NOISY OFFERING Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, January 18th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Amy preaching
Sunday, January 19th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, January 25th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pastor Dwaine preaching
Sunday, January 26th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding

*Hey Calvary campers, our
camp week is set!*

**OUR CONGREGATION IS GOING
TO CAMP JUNE 15-19!**



NAME TAGS

If you requested a new name tag, please stop by the Church Office to pick it up. Thank you.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU for all the Christmas love shown via words, gifts, hugs, etc. over the past weeks.

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Thank you to all for the many ways you have blessed me and my family throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Your kind words, cards, and gifts are much appreciated. God's Blessings throughout 2025.

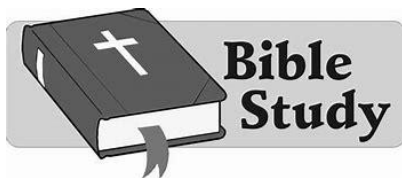
Pastor Amy

Dear Calvary Members,

As we continue to support and care for our church family, we have identified a need for volunteers to assist with driving our elderly members to worship services. Many of our senior members greatly value the opportunity to attend worship but face challenges with transportation. Your help can make a significant difference in their ability to participate in our community and experience the fellowship and spiritual nourishment that our services provide. We are seeking volunteers who are willing to offer their time and vehicle to drive elderly members to and from church on Sundays. If you are able to assist, please contact Pastor Dwaine to discuss your availability and any questions you may have. Thank you for considering this important ministry. Your generosity and kindness will be greatly appreciated by those in need.

Blessings,

Pastor Dwaine



SILENT BIBLE STUDY

Have you made a New Year's resolution to spend more time studying the Bible? Join us at Silent Bible Study in the Library on Wednesday, January 29th at 12:00 noon. Watch the calendar for more

dates to follow.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Thank you to everyone who showed up to take down the memorial tree and wrap the ornaments up for next year. Also, it was a privilege to honor so many with ornaments again this year.



Also, thank you again to **EVERYONE** who works hard to make our church special and welcoming during the holidays. Krista Willis

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th after 10:15am service. A light lunch will be served. We hope to see you there!

2024 Financials December & YTD						
	December Actual	December Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 116,136.46	\$ 67,387.50	\$ 48,748.96	\$ 712,705.56	\$ 808,650.00	\$ (95,944.44)
Expenses	\$ 74,743.31	\$ 67,352.21	\$ 7,391.10	\$ 771,907.44	\$ 808,226.98	\$ (36,319.54)
Net Income	\$ 41,393.15	\$ 35.29	\$ 41,357.86	\$ (59,201.88)	\$ 423.02	\$ (59,624.90)

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

December 29 - 156
YouTube - 81 households (9:30am)
General Offering - \$45,040.94

January 5 - 194
Sunday School - 37
YouTube - 136 households
General Offering - \$9,218.08

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

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

