



*The Calvary Messenger*  
April 4, 2025

**Next Messenger will be sent out April 18, 2025.**  
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

### CALVARY'S OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY – THURSDAY**  
**7:30AM – 4:00PM**  
**FRIDAY**  
**7:30AM – 2:30PM**

### Empty Tomb Cookies – make them on Easter Saturday evening!

Ready In: 8hrs 30mins

Yields: 1-2dozen

#### Ingredients

- 1cup whole pecans, in a plastic baggie
- 1teaspoon vinegar
- 3egg whites
- 1pinch salt
- 1cup sugar

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees--you MUST do it now. Also, gather a cooking mallet, kitchen mixer, masking tape and Bible.
2. Read John 19:1-3 ~ Jesus was beaten for our sins; beat the nuts with a cooking mallet; set aside.
3. Read John 19:28-30 - Jesus drank something like vinegar (gall), sniff the fragrance, dip finger in taste, too; place the vinegar in a mixing bowl.
4. Read John 10:10-11 - Egg whites symbolize Jesus' holy, innocent life; add whites to the bowl with the vinegar.
5. Read Luke 23:27 - the bitter tears of the women; taste a few grains, remember your own sins; add the salt to the bowl.
6. Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16 - Sweet salvation! Taste and see; add to the bowl.
7. Crank up the mixer and let it go while you read from Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3; let the mixer go about 12-15 MINUTES; this needs to be VERY stiff!
8. Read Matthew 27:57-60 - Fold the nuts into the egg-sugar mixture; this symbolizes the rocks in the garden.
9. Using a scoop or knife & spoon, drop by spoon into mounds (to resemble a rocky tomb); put in the oven and turn it OFF!
10. Read Matthew 27:65-66 - The tomb is sealed; use two pieces of tape (5-6 inches long) to "seal" door edges (symbolically).
11. Read John 16:20 & 22 - Consider these passages, then go to bed!
12. NEXT MORNING: Read Matthew 28:1-9 - Jesus is risen! Behold--the empty tomb! Unseal the door, take out the cookies, break or bite one in half -- it should be hollow inside---empty---just the Tomb!
13. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



2025 Lenten Offerings will be donated to Circle of Welcome, a new outreach ministry partnership between Calvary and River of Hope in Hutchinson through Lutheran Social Services. We thank the CoW Team- Cathy and Joel Halbritter, David Sehloff, and LaNell Koenig for their commitment to this ministry. If anyone is interested in more information about Circle of Welcome or would like to be a part of the team, please contact team members or the Church Office.

### Lent and Holy Week Schedule 2025

- 3/5 6:15 Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion
- 3/12 5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
- 3/19 5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
- 3/26 5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
- 4/2 5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
- 4/9 5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
- 4/13 8 & 10:15am PALM SUNDAY Worship w/Communion
- 4/17 6:15 Maundy Thursday Worship/First Communion
- 4/18 6:15 Good Friday Worship
- 4/19 5:30 Holy Saturday Chapel Worship
- 4/20 8 & 10:15am EASTER Worship w/Communion

### APRIL 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 2nd	5:30 Meal 6:15 Lenten Worship Confirmation follows Worship
Saturday, April 5th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, April 6th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Worship
Wednesday, April 9th	5:30 Meal 6:15 Lenten Worship Confirmation follows Worship
Saturday, April 12th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, April 13th Palm Sunday	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Worship-Sunday School Children process with Palms
Thursday, April 17th Maundy Thursday	6:15pm Worship - First Communion
Friday, April 18th Good Friday	6:15pm Worship
Saturday, April 19th Holy Saturday	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday	8:00am Worship 10:15am Worship
Saturday, April 26th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel Earth Weekend/Creation Care
Sunday, April 27th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Worship - Earth Sunday/Creation Care



**THANK YOU to Ashley Gilbertson for refreshing and refilling our Busy Bags for children in worship! Busy Bags are available near the coat room in the Narthex.**

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Our Food Shelf Drive was very successful, with 200 lbs. of food delivered to the Food Shelf as well as a check for \$1,557.75! WOW! A big Thank You, Calvary, for your willingness to help those with food insecurities! The first Sunday of each month will continue to be for Food Shelf donations.

Social Kindness Committee.

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**NOISY OFFERING/YOUTH LED SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 13 at our 10:15 service.**

**The money collected will go to the AIM Program. AIM is Advocacy & Inclusion Matter. AIM provides opportunities and resources to support inclusion and independence for people with disabilities. For more information, visit [www.aimwcm.org](http://www.aimwcm.org)**



Marian Gilbertson, a longtime member of Calvary turns 100 years old on April 10th. Here is her address if you would like to send her a birthday card:

Marian Gilbertson  
1006 19th Avenue South  
Moorhead MN 56560-3651

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**HONOR LOVED ONES**

Every Easter, Calvary loves to fill the Sanctuary with flowers, provided in honor and in memory of loved ones. You are invited to purchase plants for \$10 per plant to express your love and appreciation and help the church defray the cost of providing the plants. **Friday, April 11, 2025**, is the last day to order Easter flowers. Please stop by the office to place an order for a loved one. If paying by check, make payable to "Calvary Lutheran Church". Thank you!

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**CIRCLE OF WELCOME UPDATE**

Thank you for your support for this family. Stay tuned for further information as the family gets settled and we assess further needs.

Hello Calvary Sunday School Families!

We are coming to the end of the Sunday School year already- I can't believe it. Here is an up-to-date schedule of our Sundays in April 😊

+Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

-We will NOT have Youth Led Sunday in worship today. Youth Led Worship will be NEXT SUNDAY, April 13

\*\*\*SECOND GRADERS and PARENTS/ADULTS WILL MEET WITH PASTOR AMY IN THE CHAPEL FOLLOWING OPENING\*\*\*

+Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – PALM SUNDAY! Youth Led Worship

-Read the Palm Sunday story (Luke 19:28-44 Adventure Bible page 1270-1271)

-Assemble Palm Sunday crafts

\*\*\*Students bring their finished craft to 10:15 worship with them for the Palm Sunday Processional. **Students are singing in church** AND we have a baptism!\*\*\*

\*Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>- EASTER SUNDAY! No Sunday School

-An Easter surprise will be handed out to all children (visitors included) at worship 😊

-Our Alleluias will be unpacked! Join us for joyous singing and banner waving in celebration of Jesus' resurrection!

+Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>- Last Day of Sunday School and Earth Day Celebration!

-ALL GRADES Bee House Building Project with Creation Care Team in Bethany Hall (PARENTS/ ADULTS ARE WELCOME!)

-Grades 1-5 meet in the Sanctuary as usual at 9:05- we will go to Bethany Hall together from there

-Pre and Kindergarten meet in your classrooms and come to Bethany Hall at 9:05

-Take Home "God's Creation" craft kit

10:15 Worship – Teachers and Helpers will be thanked and recognized! We encourage students, teachers, and families to be a part of this worship service as we give thanks to God for wonderful volunteers and a great year of Faith Formation at Calvary!

Thanks be to God for all of God's blessings this past year and thanks be to God for you! **Pastor Amy**



## Humans Anonymous

*"I couldn't help but wish there were a version Al-Anon or AA for regular life- call it HA, Humans Anonymous... That small groups left power hierarchies at the door and [people in leadership] were just as open and vulnerable as the rest of us are pressed to be. We could give people permission to be sad and scared and lonely, and we could do it together. We could look to our left and to our right and say, "I'm hurting and you're hurting, and I don't always understand your pain and you might not get mine, but we can still sit together. Stay and tell me your story and I'll tell you mine. Maybe we'll cry. I promise I won't try to fix you, and I won't judge you; I just want to sit with you. You can trust me with your story."*  
From *Loving Well in a Broken World* by Lauren Casper, page 99-100, paraphrased

When a friend read this paragraph to me, I felt it. I felt the weight of it pressing down on my shoulders and the emotion of it welling up behind my eyes. A place where there's no judgement, no one trying to fix things? People to share my story with who won't run with it, anxious to tell someone else and who won't use it against me, as leverage, when I don't live up to their unrealistic expectations? That doesn't sound like the world I live in. That sounds heavenly.

Maybe you felt something when you read that quote from Lauren Casper's book. Pain? Vulnerability? Fear? Loneliness? Maybe you want so badly to tell your story in a place that is safe and non-judgmental- a place where your eyes meet the caring eyes of another person when you look left or right. Maybe you're not alone.

Join us for Humans Anonymous- a new, confidential small group ministry that's not aimed at fixing anyone or studying anything. We'll just spend an hour a week sharing our lives and validating each other's stories. We may cry. We may laugh. Whatever we do, we'll do it together.

Humans Anonymous – Wednesday, April 9 – 4:15 to 5:15 – Koinonia Room

Any questions? Contact Pastor Amy



### **SILENT BIBLE STUDY**

Silent Bible Study will meet  
April 9, 23rd, 30th at 12:00 noon in the library. ALL  
ARE WELCOME!

**NTY**  
**Friday, April 11**  
**12:00 Noon**

It's Spring and time for NTY to get together again in 2025!! Remember Carolyn Sowinski, the author, from Michigan? She was with us in August 2023 and would like to speak to our group again about another book she wrote and its connection to Calvary. It's a biography of Gabriel Stene, son of Norwegian immigrants who settled in Lake Andrew Township in 1867. He and his family lived in Willmar in the 1880's and were part of the Calvary congregation. Please call the church office by 4:30pm Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to register. Guests are always welcome. If you can't make it for lunch, you're welcome to come for the program at 1:00pm. The cost for lunch will be \$7.00, payable on the day of NTY. Please pay Sue Roepke in Bethany Hall 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 you have any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.



Saturday April 12, 2025  
12:00-4:00pm  
Cost: FREE  
All Ages Welcome!

**Interactive exhibits on water quality, energy efficiency, & conservation**  
**Live presentations w/Science Museum of MN at 12:30pm & 3:00pm**  
**+Rock climbing wall      +Guided prairie walks & pond study**  
**+Outdoor gear sale to support Prairie Woods**  
**+Hands-on kids' activities      +Food truck on site!**



# THE 2ND ANNUAL

## HEALTHY EARTH HEALTHY KIDS



Community Eco Fair featuring YMCA Healthy Kids Day

April 26, 2025  
10am - 2pm

Visit the Bethel, Calvary, Vinje Creation Care Booth to enter a drawing for:  
***A framed print of an original charcoal drawing of a bald eagle by Don Houseman***

This FREE event welcomes all, young and old, to learn how to make healthy choices for themselves and their Earth.

A community eco fair featuring, “YMCA Healthy Kids Day”

The Healthy Earth, Healthy Kids event hopes to provide education and connection to resources that keep our kids and our planet healthy and thriving into the future. Be involved in a bright future for our community!

The YMCA will be hosting a free Kids Color Fun Run beginning at 11am T-shirts will be given to the first 200 youth in attendance.

### SAVE THE DATE!



Hello, everyone,

As we sprint through 2025, I'm struck by how quickly time seems to fly—each day racing by, even those long days soon fade into memories. Family Promise continues to be incredibly blessed by your unwavering support and generous donations of time, resources, and treasures. So far this year, we've received three large donations of consumables and hygiene products, along with many smaller contributions. Thanks to your kindness, we are fully stocked on nearly all the items on our wish list!

That said, we do still need a few essentials, including:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Floor cleaner (for mopping)
- Pillows

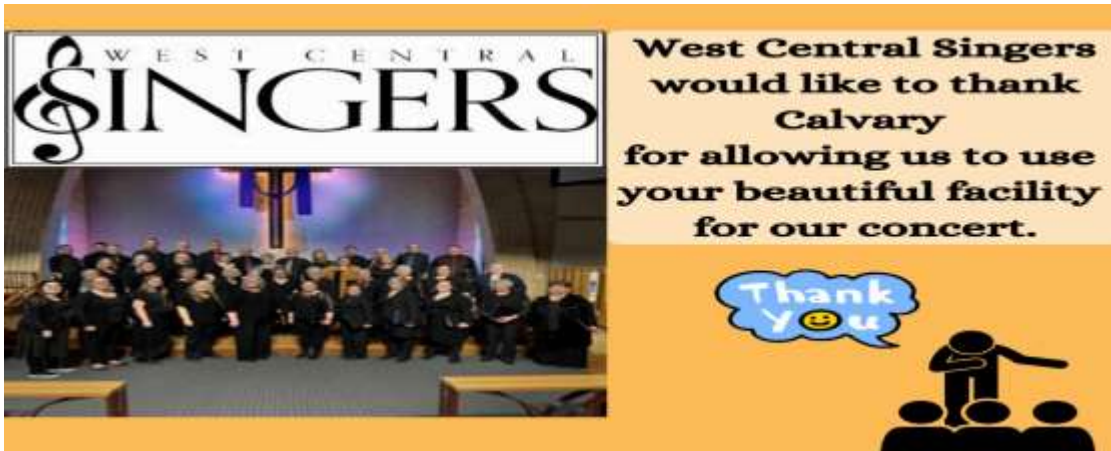
Your donations in these areas would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, financial contributions are especially helpful right now, as we're running slightly behind where we've been in previous years. On the brighter side, I'm thrilled to share that Family Promise has already helped four families transition into stable housing since the start of the year. And there's more to come—four more families are scheduled to move into their new homes in April and May! This progress puts us on track to achieve our goal of assisting an average of two families per month, totaling 24 families in 2025. Our dorm remains at full capacity, with rooms quickly being filled by families on our waiting list as soon as they become available. Beyond housing transitions, we've also been able to prevent two families from facing eviction. None of this would be possible without your financial and in-kind support.

I'd also like to highlight the ongoing success of our meal nights, made possible by local churches. These nights have become a highlight of the week for the children and families here—fondly referred to as “feast nights” with the same sparkle of joy as Christmas morning. It's a beautiful opportunity to share meals, build connections, and remind these families that they are seen, valued, and never alone. The heartfelt feedback from participants speaks volumes about the positive impact these gatherings have.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything you do to make all this possible. I genuinely love the work I do here, and I couldn't do it without your incredible support.

With deepest gratitude,

Jason Burnett  
Executive Director



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### ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild will meet on Thursday, April 24 at 5:30pm in the Koinonia Room. We hope to see you then!



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### Summer Volunteer Opportunity

Do you like to spend time on a Pontoon enjoying a summer day on Green Lake, catching a fish or two and creating wonderful memories? Become a volunteer with **Let's Go Fishing** and you can join others providing this experience to Seniors, youth and other adults from over 35 organizations in our area. Trips are Monday through Thursday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon and can either be fishing or boating. You can decide what time and day you would like to volunteer to help as a "first mate" or to pilot one of the two Pontoons. Have questions or need more information?

**Call Rick Loseth at 320-979-9231 or Ron Haugen at 936-707-9023.**

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### WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

*March 22 & 23- 207*

*YouTube - 192 households / Sunday School - 45  
General Offering - \$11,971.99*

*March 29 & 30- 179*

*YouTube - 154 households / Sunday School - 32  
General Offering - \$6,932.90*