



## ***The Calvary Messenger*** ***April 18, 2025***

**Next Messenger will be sent out May 2, 2025.**  
**If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Lenten journey ends this Holy Week during a "long weekend" which will offer not so much recreation, as "re-creation", a new beginning, as we will remember the events of Holy Week and Easter.

That "long weekend" of course, is April 17-20. It began on Thursday night, April 17, as we gathered for worship to remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. At that meal, on Maundy Thursday, Jesus gave them some final instructions, including a new "Commandment." (Maundy Thursday is named from the Latin word "mandatum" which means command.) That new commandment is "...love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Jesus showed his disciples how much he loved them by serving them bread and wine, saying, "This is my body, given for you. This is my blood, shed for you." We also rejoiced with our second graders as they communed for the first time.

Our "long weekend" of re-creation continues on Good Friday, April 18, when we hear of Jesus' passion. We hear again the story of how Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross, though he had done nothing to deserve it. Though it seems a sad and gruesome story, the news that he died for our sins, in order that we might be forgiven and have peace with God, makes the day truly a Good Friday.

The next day of our "long weekend" is Holy Saturday, April 19. Typically, an Easter Vigil includes flames, baptism, Holy Communion, and the proclamation of the salvation story from creation to the resurrection. An Easter Vigil will be held at 5:30 pm in the Calvary chapel. This will not be a typical Easter Vigil, but we will conclude our Lenten series, "Broken and Beloved."

We then reach the climax of our "long weekend" on April 20, Easter Sunday as we celebrate the good news that Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Jesus' victory over sin and death shows God's power. Because Jesus has been raised to new life, we too, have the hope of new life.

That "long weekend" can restore and re-create us in a way that no weekend at the cabin or visiting relatives possibly can. It re-creates us spiritually and restores our relationship with God and with God's people. Making a "long weekend" of it, instead of just a one-day holiday (Easter) gives us the chance to hear the whole story and appreciate more fully the depth of God's love for us...In remembrance of me...Father, forgive them for they know not what they...Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

With you on the journey...  
Pastor Wayne

Thank you to the Lent and Holy Week monologue readers. We appreciate the gift of your voices in worship, helping us to hear the story of our faith in a new way!

Nick Larsen

Brooklyn Pederson

Tom Gilbertson

Greta Nelson

Bria Pederson

Nick Larsen

Jakub Nurmi

Lola Nelson

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**As you take this important step in your faith journey, may you always feel the warmth of God's love in your heart. Congratulations on your First Communion, from your Calvary Family**



**MAREK ASHBURN  
HARPER CHOUANARD  
SOREN LARSON  
RAELYNN MOSER  
BLAKE NURMI  
BAILEY STEINBEISSER  
BEN STUHR**

*"That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*

**John 17:21**



The church offices/building will be closed on Monday, April 21 so staff can have the day to relax and refresh after the very busy Lent season and Holy Week.

**Would you be interested in  
purchasing a shirt to  
show your Calvary Spirit?**



- If there is enough interest, we will gather more information.
- Cost is determined by the number ordered.
- (Rough estimate, \$20-\$30)

***Please contact the  
church office or Naomi  
if this interests you.***

**THANK YOU!**

I would like to thank my Friends and Calvary Church family for making my 90th milestone birthday such a wonderful occasion on Saturday, April 5th! The cards and birthday wishes were remarkable and so much appreciated. A very special thanks to Enola Dowdell for always doing an outstanding job making the coffee and, in the kitchen, to Kevin Christianson for his help serving the lunch and clean up and to Marie Fett for her assistance with details and unlocking the Church on Saturday. May God Bless each and every one of you. Lee Paulson

# MAY 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

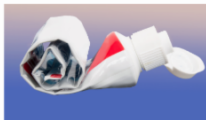
Saturday, May 3rd	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, May 4th	8:00am Traditional Worship 10:15am Praise Band Worship
Saturday, May 10th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, May 11th	8:00am Traditional Worship 10:15am Praise Band Worship w/Baptism
Saturday, May 17th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, May 18th	8:00am Traditional Worship 10:15am Praise Band Worship w/Baptism
Saturday, May 24th Memorial Weekend	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, May 25th Memorial Weekend	9:00am Worship (We begin our summer schedule)

Dental Recycling has changed a bit.  
Please take notice. Thank you!

## NEW DENTAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES



Toothbrushes



Used or empty toothpaste tubes



Floss containers



Toothbrush outer packaging



Electric/Battery toothbrushes and heads.



Floss picks

Dental recycling bin is in the East entry.  
Please put plastic bags in the  
Trex plastic recycling bin (not dental bin)

**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 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!  
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**Pastor Amy**

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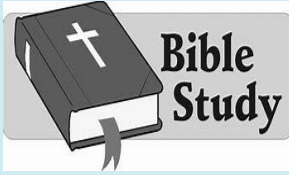
### **Listening with Heart: Navigating Conversations and Fostering Connections with Dementia**

If you are a friend to someone with dementia, have a loved one experiencing dementia, or have a desire to learn about the topic, this session is for you! We hope you will join us and learn from Amy House, a recognized leader in Dementia care and education.

Calvary BeFrienders welcome you to join us for this virtual event on Tuesday, May 20 from 6:30 - 8:00pm. Pre-registration is required with a cost of \$20 per person of which \$10 will be offset with BeFriender funds. Please call the church office by Monday, May 5 to register or for more information.

Calvary BeFriender Leaders, Beth Bloomquist and Nancy Holt





## **SILENT BIBLE STUDY**

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

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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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## **OPEN HOUSE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR KENNETH AND ARDIS NEWBERG**

You are invited to Kenneth and Ardis Newberg's 60th Wedding Anniversary Party here at Calvary on Saturday, April 26 in Bethany Hall. Open house hours are from 2-4pm with lunch provided.

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## **OPEN HOUSE 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR ODEE AND ALVINA HENRICKSON**

Everyone is invited to an Open House for Odee and Alvina Henrickson's 65th Wedding Anniversary celebration in Bethany Hall on Saturday, May 10 from 1-3pm.

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## **FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK**

Calvary will be the Host Congregation for Family Promise during the week of May 25-31. If you would like to volunteer to make a meal for the homeless, that would be fantastic! Presently there are 5 families being housed in the Willmar facility. The meals are typically feeding about 10 adults and 5 teens and 5 toddlers. We need volunteer meals May 26, 27, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Maybe team up with a friend ... "I'll make the entrée; you make the sides" Contact Joni Hanson 320-220-1324 or leave your name in the church office.



## Family Promise Weekly Update April 11th, 2025

### **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 4 (Father 34, Daughter 12, Son 9)
2. Family of 2 (Mother 36, Son 2)
3. Family of 3 (Father 48, Mother 38, working on getting their 4year old back )
4. Family of 2 (Mother 38 & Daughter 5)
5. Family of 5 (Mother 35, Father 41, Daughter 12, Daughter 11, Son 5)
6. Family of 2 (Husband 26 & Wife 25)
7. Family of 4 (Mother 31, Daughter 10, Daughter 5, Daughter 2)

#### **Upcoming Host Churches:**

1. Apr 14-18 United Methodist
2. Apr 21-25 Svea Lutheran
3. Apr 28-May 2 United Lutheran Lake Lillian
4. May 5-9 Evangelical Covenant, Crossroads United Methodist & Salem

SEE 2025 CALENDAR 2025 Family Promise Meal & Grocery Support Schedule

\*Family Promise still receives some mail addressed to: 312 SW 6th St (Presbyterian Church).  
Please Address Mail to:  
Family Promise  
PO Box 774  
Willmar, MN 56201

**Good News:** Another guest at Family Promise has successfully moved into housing! Finding income-based housing is no easy task, but with determination and hard work, she made it happen. She moved out on Wednesday, and by late Thursday afternoon, her room was already filled by another family in need.

Our guests are working tirelessly to secure housing—making phone calls, completing applications, and doing everything they can to move forward. So when someone gets approved, it's a moment of real celebration for all of us.

We're excited to share that two more families are expected to move out into housing this May, and their rooms will quickly be filled with families from our waitlist.

A big thank you to Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church! Their amazing kids ministry assembled 30 move-out cleaning buckets for our guests transitioning out of the dorm. Each bucket is packed with essentials to help them clean and settle into their new homes — including dish soap, liquid disinfectant cleaner, disinfectant wipes, spray bottles, and four rags.

We're so grateful for your support and generosity!



#### **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.

Thank you to all our donors that make this place possible.

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Family Promise of Kandiyohi County  
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# THE 2ND ANNUAL

## HEALTHY EARTH HEALTHY KIDS



Community Eco Fair featuring YMCA Healthy Kids Day

April 26, 2025

10am - 2pm

at the Willmar Civic Center

**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.

Register to win door prizes, including an electric lawn mower!

Join a live panel discussion at Noon on "Rural Power, and the Value of Local Ownership" with Kandiyohi Power Coop, McLeod Power Coop Power Association, and Willmar Municipal Utilities.  
Purchase a tree from Tree Trust

50 Exhibitor booths to provide resources that help keep our kids and our planet healthy and thriving into the future

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

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*We've received our 1st Silverware Donation - Thanks!  
Keep them coming!*

**Have you ever wished you had extra silverware (not plastic) when hosting a holiday or a party?**

Calvary's Creation Care Team is gathering an assortment of slightly used silverware to create a silverware library.

Calvary members would be able to "check-out" the silverware so that they would not need to purchase plastic silverware, which ends up in the landfill.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

You can donate any extra silverware (in good condition) that you may have. Please drop off at the church office.

**Thanks for your help reducing the use of plastic!**



# Let's Go Fishing-Willmar

## Spring Fundraiser Fish Fry



**Please Join Us:**



Saturday, April 26th

Spicer American Legion - 5pm-8pm

Menu: Fish, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Bun - \$15

\*Silent Auction and NEW Volunteer Sign-up

**You can help support our mission:**

Each summer, the Willmar Area Chapter takes out around 1,500 seniors, Veterans, children and disabled individuals in Willmar, Spicer and surrounding communities on fishing and boating trips. Donations and sponsorships help support our cause.

**We provide at no charge:**

- Safe Custom-built Pontoon
- Assistant
- Life Jackets/Preservers
- Experienced Fishing Guide
- Equipment - Rods/Reels/Tackle
- Live Bait

An enjoyable outing & lots of smiles!



**For more information or to make a donation, contact:**

Let's Go Fishing - Willmar Lakes Area  
 PO Box 614  
 Willmar, MN 56201  
 320.409.1132



Bringing Nature's Healing and Well-being to Seniors, Veterans and the Disabled

### 2025 Financials March & YTD

	March Actual	March Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 62,172.06	\$ 54,416.67	\$ 7,755.39	\$ 191,753.59	\$ 163,249.97	\$ (3,625.57)
Expenses	\$ 78,555.98	\$ 64,485.39	\$ 14,070.59	\$ 205,620.72	\$ 193,456.29	\$ 12,164.43
Net Income	\$ (16,383.92)	\$ (10,068.72)	\$ (6,315.20)	\$ (13,867.13)	\$ (30,206.32)	\$ 16,339.19

### WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

**April 5 & 6 - 227**

**YouTube - 130 households / Sunday School - 40**

**General Offering - \$10,254.04**

**April 12 & 13 - 375**

**YouTube - 113 households / Sunday School - 45**

**General Offering - \$12,718.07**