



The Calvary Messenger ***May 16, 2025***

Next Messenger will be sent out May 30, 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

Dear Members of Calvary Lutheran Church,

After much prayer and conversation with family, friends, and church leadership, I have made the decision to complete my $\frac{3}{4}$ time visitation/preaching ministry with you as of Saturday, May 31, 2025. My last Sunday with you will be May 18, and my last chapel service with you will be Saturday, May 31, 2025. When I began providing pulpit supply at Calvary in September of 2023, I thought it would be short-term. Little did I realize that I would be here with you for 21 months! During those 21 months there have been many changes at Calvary but now seems to be a good time for me to step aside as you welcome Pastor Hoyme as your interim pastor and continue to support Pastor Juel as your faith formation associate pastor.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your pulpit supply pastor, and then as an associate visitation pastor. Donna Jo and I are so grateful for the many friendships that have developed during these last 21 months. It has been very humbling, but such a privilege to serve with you and walk with you through some of the joys and sorrows in your lives. I look forward to providing pulpit supply for congregations in need in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. I would also be available, if needed, to provide pulpit supply at Calvary. Also, thank you for embracing Donna Jo and for allowing her to share her gift of music.

Please pray for us even as we keep you in our prayers. Calvary has such a rich history in the Willmar community. You have much to look forward to, with hope and with joy. It has been a great honor to serve with you at Calvary.

In faith and friendship,
Pastor Wayne

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

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What mental health needs is more sunlight, more candor, more unashamed conversation.

MENTAL HEALTH IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALL NEED TO TALK ABOUT, AND WE NEED TO TAKE THE STIGMA AWAY FROM IT. SO LET'S RAISE AWARENESS. LET'S LET EVERYBODY KNOW IT'S OK TO HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTION PROBLEM.

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***“I have ADHD. I’m not broken, I’m just differently wired.”
— Unknown***

CONGRATULATE OUR GRADUATES

Graduate Sunday - May 18 - 10:15 Worship
Coffee Hour and Brunch in Bethany Hall - 9:15



OUR CHURCH'S
Graduates:

Makayla Johnson
Izaiah Sweep
Mason Luft

2025 Senior Prayer Boxes

Congratulate our seniors by writing a
special note and/or a
favorite Bible verse for their Graduation
Prayer Boxes

 **Thank you to the**
Social Kindness Committee
for serving lunch at
the Campus Ministry Center! 





If anyone would like a name tag with a pin instead of a magnet, please contact the Church Office. We will make you a new name tag. Thank you!

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)

LAST CHANCE!

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.**

CREATION CARE

Creation Care will meet on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30pm in the Friendship Room.



Creation Care Tip: **Garden Organically** - Benefits are eating locally grown food, provides a place to compost all the organic matter generated from your household, garden plants provide pollinator habitat, garden space reduces mowing which reduces carbon in the air, and you get to know your neighbors by sharing produce.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 21 at 8:30am at McMillans.



GATHER BIBLE STUDY

Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, May 21 at 10:00am in the Friendship Room.

CALVARY HOST WEEK FOR FAMILY PROMISE (UPDATED)

Calvary will be the Host Congregation for Family Promise during the week of May 25-31. **We are still in need of someone to make a meal for Monday, May 26. Also needed is a grocery shopper to purchase and deliver groceries on Monday, May 26. (Family Promise will pay for the groceries).** The meals are typically feeding about 10 adults and 5 teens and 5 toddlers. Contact Joni Hanson 320-220-1324 or leave your name in the church office. Thank you for your help!



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL

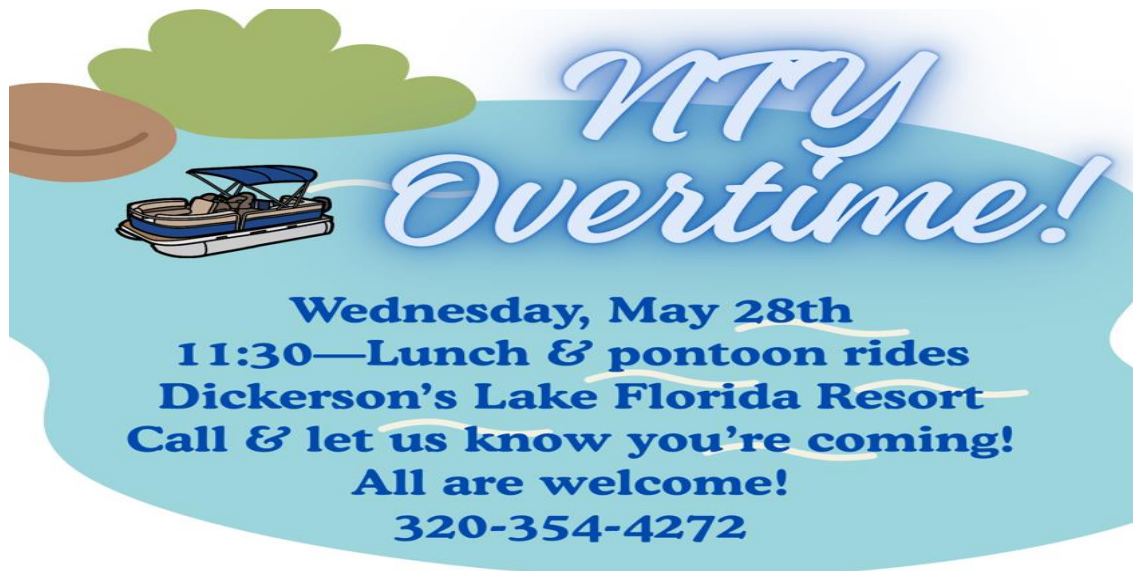
Coffee with the Council has had some date changes. The new meeting dates are:

- **June 1 – 10:00am** (will not meet May 25 due to Memorial Day Holiday)
- **June 29 – 10:00am** (Council does not meet in July)
- Back to the 4th Sunday of the month starting in August





If you currently have any overdue library books, please return them at your earliest convenience to the library or the Church Office. Thank you!



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

Associate Pastor Amy Juel
(320) 282-2225 - ajuel@calvarywillmar.org

Associate Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
(320) 841-1951 - revwayne100@gmail.com

Interim Pastor Rick Hoyme
(715) 579-6208 - rhoyme@calvarywillmar.org

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

If you would like to contribute to the mission of Calvary Lutheran Church, please click on our QR code. Thank you!



**Weekend Attendance
May 4 – 220
YouTube – 114 households
Offerings - \$10,875.24**

**May 11 – 226
YouTube – 87 households
Offerings - \$11,713.74**