

The Calvary Messenger June 13, 2025

Next Messenger will be sent out June 27, 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

As you go, proclaim this message:
'The kingdom of heaven has come
near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead,
cleanse those who have leprosy,
drive out demons. Freely you have
received; freely give."
Matthew 10:7-8 NIV

A question on many people's minds these days is – what's going to happen with visitation at Calvary now? The truth is- much of Calvary's visitation will go on as it has for a number of years!

We are blessed to have **THREE** visitation ministries at Calvarydid you know that? Many churches feel lucky to have only one visitation ministry!

Visitation at Calvary will continue to be provided once each month by the **Deaconess Ministry**. These volunteers take a flower to each of our shut ins, care center residents, and those who request a visit. They share news of what's happening at church and remind folks that they are beloved by God- and by our congregation.

Once per month **Home Communion Ministry** volunteers come to the altar and receive the elements of Holy Communion that they take to our shut ins, care center residents, and those who request a visit. Sharing the love and promise of Jesus through the bread and wine, prayer and conversation are a gift for the volunteer as well as the recipient.

The **Befriender Ministry** is a lay-led, one-on-one listening ministry that stands ready to walk alongside anyone who is in need of a caring, faithful companion. Those experiencing loss, illness, or a major life transition may benefit from being paired with a Befriender minister.

Pastor Amy and Interim Pastor Rick will be visiting as needed- and as requested. We will meet regularly with these devoted ministry teams and will be kept up to date on the joys and challenges happening in the lives of those who receive their care.

THANK YOU to the volunteers who make these ministries successful. Calvary is blessed to have you all as part of our Outreach team.

*If you or a family member has a health update, is hospitalized, or is in need of a visit, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE and we will visit you. We appreciate the opportunity to share all aspects of your life with you- both the celebrations and the sadness. You are not alone... and you are loved.

Pastor Amy





SATURDAY, JUNE 21 @ 7PM – SUNDAY JUNE 22 @ 10:30AM MEET IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM

Students are welcome to stay overnight or go home to sleep and come back for breakfast at 7:30 and worship at 9- make arrangements with Pastor Amy.

Bring friends and have fun! Night games, movies, music, yard games, popcorn, s'mores, ping pong, foosball, glow dance, 9 square, SO MUCH MORE!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Please fill out the registration form & return it to the church office by Wednesday, June 18.

YOUTH LED



Sunday, June 22 at 9am on the west side of the building

Bring your favorite lawn chair and your NOISY OFFERING to share with Hawk Creek Animal Shelter

Brunch POTLUCK following worship!

Students will be helping to lead the worship service following their Saturday night

Bonfire and Lock-In

2025 BIKE RIDE TO SPICER AND BACK!



We'll bike to Spicer, grab lunch at DQ, eat, and play at Saulsbury Beach. We'll ride home and be back to the Civic Center by 2pm.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Please fill out the registration form & return it to the church office by Wednesday, June 18.

BRING MONEY FOR LUNCH – Calvary will pay for an ice cream treat for each participant!

FAMILIES & FRIENDS WELCOME!



GOING ON



Let your faith journey with you! Stop by the church office and pick up

DEVOS TO GO – a packet of devotions and activities prepared especially for your vacation time!

Stay connected while you're away:

Watch Worship on YouTube:

Calvary Lutheran Church Willmar - YouTube
Or connect through our website at

www.calvarvwillmar.org

Watch Worship on WRAC 181:

Sundays at 1 and 8pm / Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Listen on KWLM 1340AM or 96.3FM: Sundays at 10:45am



SUNDAY, JULY 13 AT 9AM ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING

Bring your favorite lawn chair and your NOISY OFFERING to share with Hawk Creek Animal Shelter **

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Students will be helping to lead the worship service as a send off for Vacation Bible School July 14-17! Grades 6-12 YOUTH SERVICE
PROJECT at Hawk Creek
Friday, July 18 1-5pm
Meet at the shelter and bring a
RAKE and WORK GLOVES.
ADULT HELP is needed for this
project-please let Pastor Amy
know if you can serve with us!
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS - AUGUST!

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

- Grades 6-12 Mission Trip to Sioux Falls Friday, August 15- Saturday, August 16 Details coming soon!
- Canoeing Day Grades 6-12 and adult helpers Wednesday, August 20
- If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these adventures, please contact Pastor Amy at 235-2508





BUBBLE MACHINE(s) NEEDED:

If you have a Bubble Machine that you would loan to the church for Worship on June 22, please contact the church office ASAP. Thank you so much!





Conversation regarding positive action taken on the following "Coffee with Council" topics:

- 1. VISITATION
- 2. YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- 3. STEWARDSHIP
- 4. WORSHIP



Calvary has reserved Arnold's Case IH Redzone Monday, August 4th 6:35pm

\$20 = unlimited burgers, brats, hot dogs, pasta salad, chips, soda & water (beer & wine are discounted)



Reserve your ticket at the CHURCH OFFICE & we'll See you at the Ballpark!

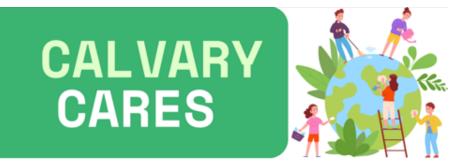
From the Kopitzkes....

Dear friends and Members of Calvary,

Thank you so much for the privilege of serving with you for the past 21 months. In addition, thank you so much for hosting the lovely gatherings on Sunday May 18th (between services), Wednesday, May 28 (staff pizza party), and Saturday, May 31(following "chapel" worship). Please know that we will keep you in our prayers and hold you in our hearts!



In faith, friendship, and deepest gratitude to God... Pastor Wayne and Donna Jo



Do you know.....

Styrofoam can take 500 to a million years to decompose? Styrofoam fills up 30% of landfills around the world? Approximately 1360 TONS of Styrofoam is buried daily? Styrofoam material releases chemicals in food & drinks which affect human health? Styrofoam harms animals scavenging for food?

What can WE do?

THE BEST SOLUTION &, #1 CHOICE,
IS USE
ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS.



Option #2 is to bring your LARGE SOLID PACKING STYROFOAM

to Room 112 at Calvary.
When we get a full load, volunteers will drive it to Hutchinson, the nearest styrofoam recycling facility.



Buy House Plants - House plants not only add to the aesthetics of a home but also maintain room temperatures by adding moisture to the air and reducing airborne bacteria, fungi and other unhealthy pollutants.





Hope Circle meets on Wednesday, June 18 at 8:30am at McMillans.

Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, June 18 at 10:00am in the Friendship Room.





Try something new! Every Thursday, Text Bible Study meets in the Friendship Room. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually, enjoy fellowship, and deepen our understanding of God's Word.

To help Pastor Rick and others know who you are, please remember to wear your name tags. If you have lost your name tag or just need one, please contact the church office and we will order one. Thank you!



Pastor Amy IS NOT leaving Calvary. It has been brought to our attention that along with the scams going around that it is being said that Pastor Amy is leaving Calvary. If you happen to hear this from anyone, please feel free to tell them that she isn't leaving and to reach out to the church office or Pastor Amy if they have any questions.



We appreciate those who have brought it to our attention and please continue to call us if you get any emails or strange texts from any of us at church. Let's continue to take care and watch out for each other...We are Stronger Together.



BE THE GOOD Program is based on Galatians 6:10: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people." Thank you for your donations to New to You and here at Calvary. For the first quarter of 2025, we received \$160 worth of gift cards. WAY TO GO! Keep donating so we can help someone in need with a gift card.

Calvary Lutheran Church Financial Summary for May 2025

General Fund

- Total General Fund income is \$45,016 under the monthly budgeted income by \$9,401
- > At \$43,598 the general offerings is under budget by \$9,152
- > Actual monthly budgeted operating expenses were \$62,761 which is under budget by \$1,724
- Net Loss for the month is \$17,745, YTD Net Loss \$42,153
- Total Net Assets are (\$62,223)

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

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 31 - June 1 - 281 YouTube - 91 households Offerings - \$8,517.44

June 7-8 - 166 YouTube - 80 households Offerings- \$10,250.75

2025 Calvary Council Leaders

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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

Announcements and other items for The Messenger are due by Wednesday at noon to be included in Friday's newsletter. Thank you!

