



The Calvary Messenger

June 27, 2025

Next Messenger will be sent out July 11, 2025
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

This month will be an important month for Calvary, as we launch the Church Assessment Tool (C.A.T.) that will guide not only the Call Process for our new pastor, but also the leadership of Calvary in the months and years to come. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for more details about the C.A.T. and watch for the mailing that will go out next week with additional information.

We are also beginning a summer experiment to encourage folks to fill the front half of our beautiful sanctuary. You may not be aware, but a substantial number (approximately 137 households) worship on line in an average week. I believe it matters that when they view the front half of the sanctuary on their T.V.s, it is really a much better image to see full pews as opposed to a scattering of souls.

Now, the obvious best scenario, is to look ahead to the day when our sanctuary IS full, and I trust that this is in God's plans, but until then, we are going to rope off the back few rows of pews to encourage people to sit further forward. We will start this on Sunday, July 6th and continue through the summer. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Pastor Amy and I have been busy this summer coordinating with our Befrienders, our Home Communion folks and our Deaconesses to make certain that all members of Calvary that aren't able to attend worship are prayed for, cared for and communed on a monthly basis. Pastor Amy and I are also visiting with our people who have lost a spouse in the past year.

It is so important that if you, or a loved one is hospitalized, and wish to have a pastor come to pray with you, that you contact our church office, or contact one of us directly.

Thank you!
Interim Pastor Rick



**Sunday
Coffee
with Council**

JUNE 29TH, 10:00AM

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

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

Disturbing News



Flowers and grave decorations have gone missing from many cemeteries in the community.



Be assured, the Calvary Cemetery Staff has not removed these items.



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Pastor Amy Juel
Interim Pastor Rick Hoyme

June 25, 2025

Dear Calvary members and friends,

During this period of pastoral transition, we are taking intentional steps to prepare for the future. One step is ahead for all members as we ask you to participate in a congregation-wide assessment to help leadership understand the dynamics of this time and inform our future with a new pastor.

Beginning Saturday July 19th the online assessment called "CAT" *Church Assessment Tool* will be open to each and every person in the household age 16 and up. We have a goal of 307 people completing "CAT".

The results of "CAT" will provide helpful insight into the calling of a new pastor. Additionally, the assessment will provide us with a clear readout on the health of our congregation and where members want to see more energy invested.

Your participation in "CAT" will take only a handful of minutes and needs to be completed in one sitting.

Your responses are anonymous. No one will see your responses and know they are yours. If you lack online availability or need assistance, please contact the church office at 320-235-2508 and we will help you find a way to get the assessment completed.

We are confident your input into this important process will bear fruit for the future of our congregation. Please help us engage others in taking "CAT" starting July 19th.

Thank you!

The Calvary Lutheran Council

"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER." HEBREWS 13:8

JULY 2025 WORSHIP AT CALVARY



Saturday, July 5th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, July 6th	9:00am Modern Worship coffee following worship
Saturday, July 12th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary (for recording purposes)
Sunday, July 13th	9:00am OUTDOOR Worship/Youth led Noisy Offering to Hawk Creek Shelter Send off for Bible Campers 10:00am Potluck Brunch Outside
Saturday, July 19th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, July 20th	9:00am Modern Worship coffee following worship
Saturday, July 26th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, July 27th	9:00am Traditional Worship

"DEEP SUMMER IS WHEN LAZINESS FINDS RESPECTABILITY."— SAM KEEN

Deaconess Meeting

Deaconess Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2 at 1:30pm in the Friendship Room.

Church Office Closed

The Church office will be closed on Friday, July 4th. Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day!

CALVARY'S JMG BIKE TOUR RIDE WITH JOY, MERCY AND GRACE

The Calvary Creation Care Team has sponsored bicycle rides for several years. Team members wish to honor fellow team member John Melvin Gilbertson DDS who died on November 4, 2023, by naming the bike ride in his honor. John loved nature as is evidenced by his many outdoor interests and activities. These include hunting ducks and geese, fishing, dark house spearing, going to Canada to fish, golfing, roller blading to Spicer on the DNR trail, back packing with his wife Karin in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, and flower gardening. He also belonged to several organizations that supported nature's habitat.



In response to being asked for suggestions for naming the bike ride, his wife Karin came up with an excellent suggestion. She suggested taking the 3 initials of his name, "John Melvin Gilbertson" and beneath that, "Ride with Joy, Mercy & Grace as indicated at the top of this writing.

This year's bike ride will take place on Sunday, July 13 at 2:00pm. We will gather at the trail head near the Civic Center, ride out to Spicer, gather at the Dairy Queen for treats and conversation, and then ride back to Willmar. There will be a sign up in the narthex 2 Sundays before the ride. You may also contact Andy Berg at aj.berg@live.com or call him at 320-295-9074 to sign up or if you have questions.

NTY
Friday, July 11
12:00 Noon

Sara Schmitz, wife of Jeff Schmitz, the chaplain for United Campus Ministry, will be sharing her living testimony to the power of God's mercy and redemption. Once caught in a cycle of addiction, crime, and deep brokenness, she encountered the life-changing love of Jesus and everything began to change. Now, she's a devoted wife and mother to a blended family of five young children, ages 3 - 10. With honesty, grace, and deep faith, she will share her journey as proof that no one is ever too far gone for God to restore. Come and enjoy the program at 1:00 & bring a guest if you can't make it for the noon lunch. Please call the church office by 4:30 Wednesday, July 9th, to register for the catered lunch. Cost for lunch is \$7.00, payable in Bethany Hall and not at the church office. (Note that cancellations and no-shows after Wednesday will still require payment due to increased food costs.) Thank you. If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.



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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Brunch Potluck following worship!

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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!**

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



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




**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!**

Conserve Water – Consider using a rain barrel to collect rainwater that can be used for watering plants.




Toothbrushes




Used or empty toothpaste tubes



Toothbrush outer packaging



Floss containers



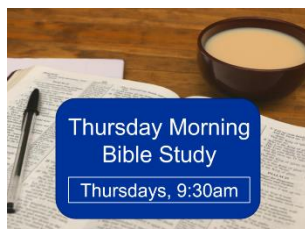
Electric/Battery toothbrushes and heads.



Floss picks

NEW DENTAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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



Try something new! Every Thursday, Text Bible Study meets in the Friendship Room at 9:30am. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually, enjoy fellowship, and deepen our understanding of God's Word.

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!



OUR QUILTING GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The quilters are looking for people willing to help out with the quilting process. They meet as a group every Thursday from 1pm-4pm (except December) and any age is welcome. They are particularly looking for people to learn how to tie the quilts or be willing to take the quilt tops home to iron the seams flat. They are very willing to teach you what needs to be done to help with putting the quilts together. Please consider sharing your time and talents with this wonderful group of ladies. Please contact the church office for more information.

***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.**

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



WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

June 14-15 - 167
YouTube - 132 households
Offerings - \$9,187.31

June 21-22 - 185
YouTube - 110 households
Offerings- \$8,991.30

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!***



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