



The Calvary Messenger ***July 11, 2025***

Next Messenger will be sent out July 25, 2025

If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM IS HARD AT WORK!

Calvary's Youth Leadership Team (YLT) is made up of nine Calvary students in grades seven through nine. These students were chosen as representatives by their peers during confirmation in April.

At the first meeting of YLT in May, a summer schedule of events including a lock in, bike ride to Spicer, service project at Hawk Creek Animal Shelter, and an overnight Mission Trip to Sioux Falls were planned. More service projects, events and activities are in the works!

In June, Calvary's Finance Committee tasked the Youth Leadership Team with giving away Sunday School Offerings totaling \$3500.00 that had been sitting in a special fund since 2019. Team members decided at their July 3rd meeting to distribute the money to the following church, community, state, country, and international organizations:

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| CHURCH: | \$1000 to Creation Care to partner in a community garden ministry |
| COMMUNITY: | \$180 to Hawk Creek Animal Shelter for two Cat Condos for their Business Buddies Adoption Program |
| | \$200 to Willmar Community Closet for essential costs |
| | \$200 to Cardinal Pride |
| STATE: | \$420 to Lutheran Campus Ministry |
| COUNTRY: | \$300 to Children's Vision |
| | \$300 to Watan USA |
| INTERNATIONAL: | \$500 to Heifer International |
| | \$400 to God's Global Barnyard (\$150 fruit tree farm/ \$200 community vegetable garden / \$50 Bibles) |

Thank you to the Youth Leadership Team members for thinking outside the box and giving to so many wonderful entities. We are proud of you and glad to have you as partners in ministry in our congregation and community. We are stronger together!

Peace and JOY,
Pastor Amy

CALVARY'S TRANSITION TEAM

Our Calvary Transition Team is hard at work preparing for the rollout of our Church Assessment Tool (CAT) on July 19/20. In order to make our CAT process as productive as possible, they want you to reach out to them with any questions you may have about CAT and how it can help Calvary in the search for our new pastor and also guide our congregation's ministry in the years ahead. Here are the members of our Transition Team and their contact information:

Susan Roepke (320) 894-4228 - roepkesj@gmail.com
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Bridget Peterson (320) 262-2638 - bridgetpederson@yahoo.com



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

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

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.



STUFF THE BUS

The Yellow School Bus is ready to collect school supplies for the upcoming school year. Needed items are: notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, markers, hi-lighters, folders, erasers, pens, boxes of tissues, pencil cases, backpacks, etc. Let's fill the gap to help students who may not have the needed supplies. We will be collecting until mid-August. Thank you in advance!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE meets on Monday, July 14 at 8:00am at McMillans.



Creation Care will meet on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30pm in the Friendship Room.

Oil and oil filters - Recycle oil and oil filters at the Kandiyohi County Landfill's oil recycling area or any place in the State of MN that provides oil change services. Disposal is free of charge at any location.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday, July 16 at 10am in the Friendship Room.

BLOOD DRIVE

Calvary is hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 22 from 12:00pm to 6:00 pm. Please consider taking part if you are able, as this saves countless lives! Thank you so much.



FAMILY PROMISE NEEDS OUR HELP!

Family Promise is looking for a church to sponsor one or two rooms. Sponsorship includes decorating, gathering needed items, painting, assembling bunk beds, and cleaning. If your church is interested in making a meaningful impact, please contact Joni Hanson at 320-220-1324.

CALVARY FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK FOR AUGUST, 2025

Could you help during our Host Week of August 18, 19, 21? The families presently number 7 adults, 3 (5-12) yr olds, and 1 toddler - recently the guests have been required to attend the meals - unless work schedules don't allow. Please also know that as weeks go by, the number of guests fluctuates. I, Joan Hanson, will be on site to help you each evening. If you would like to pair up with another server (more hands make light work!), or get monetary help with groceries, we have funds for that. We really encourage meal providers to stay for the meal and visit, however, if you feel you cannot deliver the meal into the facility, let me know so I can help with streetside pick up, or pick up from your home. I can help arrange any of this. The site is 539 Pacific Avenue. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call (320-220-1324) or email me at joanhanson122@gmail.com. If you'd like to be a helpful grocery shopper, we need to purchase items to stock the guest's meal prep for daily breakfast and lunches for that week. A Calvary shopper would receive a grocery list from Family Promise coordinator about 5 days in advance. The shopping needs to be done and delivered to the site Monday morning. Receipts can be turned in to Calvary Church office for reimbursement.



**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!**



**OUR QUILTERS WOULD LOVE TO
HAVE YOU JOIN THEM ON THURSDAYS!**

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 and return them. 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.

THANK YOU!

All Calvary Altar Guild members want to thank Kevin Christianson for installing the new faucet in the Sacristy.

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Calvary Lutheran Church Financial Summary for June 2025

General Fund

- Total General Fund income is \$43,198 under the monthly budgeted income by \$11,218
- At \$41,976 the general offerings is under budget by \$10,774
- Actual monthly budgeted operating expenses were \$65,348 which is over budget by \$863
- Net Loss for the month is \$22,150, YTD Net Loss \$64,303
- Total Net Assets are (\$84,373)

***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 28-29 - 141
YouTube - 102 households
Offerings - \$9,780.60

July 5-6 - 190
YouTube - 120 Households
Offerings- \$10,120.70

2025 Calvary Council Leaders

Brian Henrickson – Chair - 218-770-0318, brian.henrickson60@gmail.com
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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