



The Calvary Messenger ***July 25, 2025***

Next Messenger will be sent out August 8, 2025
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

Dear Saints of Calvary,

First of all, I am so grateful to Pastor Amy, and the entire Calvary staff for stepping up when I was knocked down by the world's worst cold (remember, this is being written by a man). I literally don't remember being that sick with the common cold, but I am fully recovered and raring to go!

I'm also grateful for the work of our Transition Team of Susan Roepke, Caleb Hanson, Kim Hanson, and Bridget Pederson. They have worked with our staff launching our Church Assessment Tool (C.A.T) and will continue to promote it and share results after they are presented to the Church Council, Transition Team and appropriate staff by Pastor Kurt Jacobson, our C.A.T. Consultant in August.

The C.A.T. will be used by our Council in its strategic planning for the months and years ahead and will also be a vital tool once a Call Committee has been formed. The Call Committee will use the data gathered to complete the Ministry Site Profile used by the synod staff to bring forth candidates to be considered by the Call Committee.

Speaking of the Church Assessment Tool, now is the time to set aside 20 minutes to take the C.A.T. If you need assistance, or require access to a computer, please contact the church office and they will provide assistance for you.

And finally, and most importantly, I urge every member of Calvary to set aside time each day to pray: to pray for Calvary, for its leadership, for its staff; to pray for our synod staff as they do the work needed to bring forward excellent candidates to lead Calvary into its new future, and to pray that God's work is faithfully done by this wonderful congregation.

Pastor Rick, Interim Pastor

WELCOME ELSA, OUR NEW MINISTRY ASSISTANT



Hello! I'm Elsa Olson, your new Ministry Assistant! I'm a country girl, living just outside Kerkhoven with my 3 kitty cats. I juggle my time between my career as a Sales Director with Mary Kay, accompanist at 1-4 churches (depending on the Sunday!) & part-time driving for Rustad Bus, Inc. I'm a member of the ACT Parish, Bethesda Lutheran Church. I enjoy hanging out with my teen nephews, traveling, trying new foods & meeting new people. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Community Psychology & am looking forward to this new venture!

SUNDAY STUDENT STAFF 2025-26



Welcome to our Sunday Student Staff!

Left to Right:

Hi, my name is Bria. I play the trumpet and in hockey, golf, and volleyball. I love anything with animals and hanging out with friends and family.

Hi, I'm Brooklyn! I am very much an art kid, performing in plays and in the Willmar Speech Team. I can also be seen out on the tennis courts or golf courses. I love going out with friends and family. Plus, my dog too! I work at the Brothers Cafe and Bistro. If you are in need of coffee, you know where to be!

My name is Greta, and I go to Willmar Christian School. I am in dance and volleyball, and I love reading, writing, and drawing. I am going into 9th grade, and I am a confirmation student here at Calvary. I am excited to help out our church!

My name is Lola, and I am excited to help out with church even more! I go to school at Willmar Community Christian and will be a Junior during the 2025-26 school year. I have been attending Calvary forever. I was baptized here as a baby and was confirmed at Calvary last fall. I love to spend time with my family, read, play volleyball, golf, dance, and write letters to loved ones. I can't wait to be more involved at Calvary!

Friday, July 18 – Students helped with outdoor chores and spent time with all the sweet dogs and cats. They also dropped off \$274.00 from Noisy Offerings and \$180.00 for Cat Condos from Sunday School Offerings



Thanks to Pastor Amy and Calvary Lutheran Church

Your kindness does not go unnoticed. "God Knows-We as an organization, AAUW Willmar Branch, & each of our members know! We are extremely & humble thankful and grateful for Calvary Lutheran Church's help in our emergency need for storage. You have empowered us to Believe in God Winks." Willmar Branch AAUW (American Association of University Women)



NTY

Friday, August 15, **NOT** August 8th
12:00 Noon

Bill Bentson of Willmar will be sharing his story of his visits to 100 little towns in Minnesota. After Bill's wife, Carol, passed away in 2020, Bill was inspired with the book Little Minnesota, written by Jill A. Johnson. The book features 100 of the smallest cities in Minnesota. He needed something to take his mind off his loss and started thinking, why don't I visit the Little Minnesota towns and I could call this "Carol's ride" after my wife. His journey began October 1, 2020, and after 28 trips, and somewhere between 7,000 and 8,000 miles he has many adventures to share of the 100 little towns of Minnesota that he has visited. 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, August 13, 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.

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 you are 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? If you have questions, do not hesitate to call Joni Hanson at (320-220-1324).

August 4th—Stingers Game, get your tickets now!
13 tickets remaining.

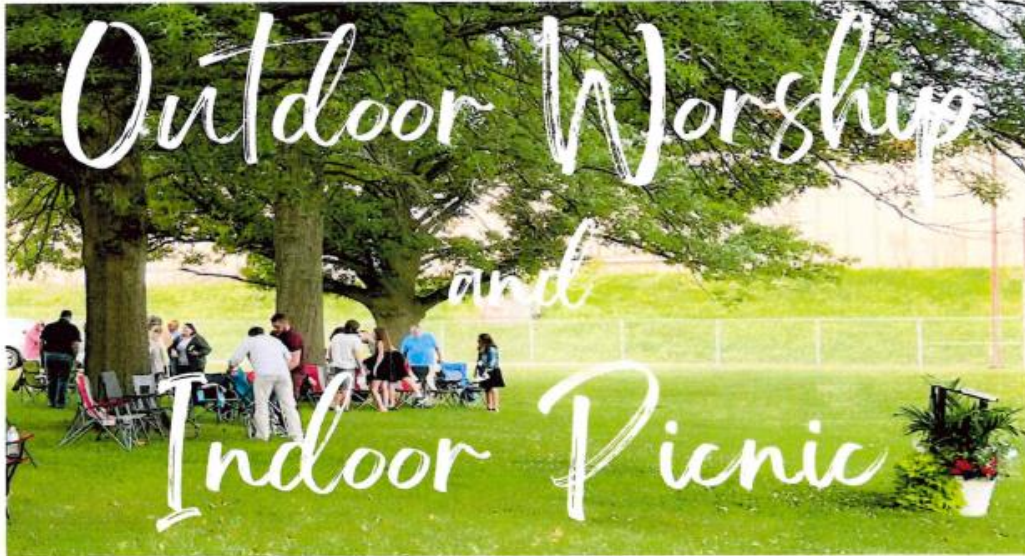
STUFF THE BUS

The Yellow School Bus will be in place, 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.

SOCIAL KINDNESS meets on Tuesday, August 5 at 1:00pm in the Friendship Room.

DEACONESS COMMITTEE meets on Wednesday, August 6 at 1:30pm in the Friendship Room.

YOUTH LED



Sunday, August 10th 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 in Bethany Hall
following worship!

COMING IN AUGUST.....

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***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

July 11-12 - 160
YouTube - 96 households
Offerings - \$17,880.67

July 19-20 - 199
YouTube - 63 Households
Offerings- \$8,387.45

2025 Calvary Council Leaders

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Calvary's Worship Services are available:

Sundays - 10:45am KWLM 1340AM or 96.5FM

- 1 & 8pm WRAC 181

Tuesdays - 6:30pm WRAC 181

Anytime on YouTube -

www.youtube.com/@calvarywillmar



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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