



## ***The Calvary Messenger***

### ***August 22, 2025***

**Next Messenger will be sent out September 5, 2025**  
**If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.**

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Each spring an extraordinary learning event takes place in Atlanta called The Orange Conference. "Orange" is an experience intended to "influence those who influence the faith and future of the next generation."



I attended an Orange Conference in 2017, when I was serving as the bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. I'd heard about it, but I felt it was important enough to fly to Atlanta to experience it. I was right. One of the prominent symbols of "Orange" is a jar of marbles. It contains one marble for each week of a child's life until the child turns 18. It is a visual reminder that every week of a child's life is precious, and God has put each of us in a place where we "can influence those who influence the faith and future of the next generation." Those marbles may represent the weeks in your own child's life... as well as those days when you feel you are losing your marbles. That child may be in your Sunday School classroom; in a home down the street; sitting in front of you in church; or walking across a stage to receive a high school diploma, with an empty jar sitting in their living room at home.

Calvary has a God-given opportunity this year to embrace that jar... and influence those kids, and those who influence the faith and future of those kids. As Pastor Amy, and those who work with her, embark on a new year created around a timeless message that mobilizes the next generation to love God and love people, walk with them... on Sundays, on Wednesdays and every other day of each week... of each marble... because every week of a child's life is precious and so are they.

Pastor Rick

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# **FALL IS ALMOST HERE!!!**



## **Mark your calendars for these exciting upcoming Faith Formation for all ages dates:**

- \*August 8 – 24    Teacher, Helper, Guide RECRUITING!  
If you love Jesus and are interested in working with Sunday  
School and/or Confirmation, please contact Pastor Amy ASAP 😊
- REGISTRATION OPEN for Sunday School and Confirmation  
Connect via Facebook or contact Pastor Amy for an email link
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| *Wednesday, August 27    | 6-7:15pm      | Sunday School Teacher & Helper Training<br>in the Friendship Room   |
| *Wednesday, September 3  | 10am-7:15pm   | Classrooms and Resource Room open for<br>Teachers & Helpers to decorate   |
| *Wednesday, September 3  | 6-7:15pm      | Confirmation Guide Training in the<br>Friendship Room   |
| **Sunday, September 7    | 9am           | Rally Sunday Youth Led Worship<br>Back to School Blessings<br>Staff, Teachers, and Helpers Blessing<br>Noisy Offering |
|                          | 10am          | Rally Sunday Games and Fun<br>God's Work, Our Hands Service Projects  |
|                          | 11am          | Potluck in Bethany Hall   |
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| *Wednesday, September 10 | 5:30-7pm      | Parent Meeting, Meal & Open House for<br>Sunday School & Confirmation families  |
| **Sunday, September 14   | 9:00am        | Worship   |
|                          | 10:15-11:15am | Sunday School   |
| *Wednesday, September 17 | 6:15-8pm      | 6-9 Confirmation in Friendship Room   |

**Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to be a part of  
Faith Formation Ministries at Calvary 😊 We are stronger together!**



## SIOUX FALLS MISSION TRIP 2025

Ten students and three chaperones ventured to Sioux Falls, SD for an overnight mission trip August 15 and 16. First stop? Five Guys Burgers and Fries for lunch! (Gotta get some energy 😊) Then on to Bishop Dudley Hospitality House where we played with children in residence there and gave a mom a much-needed break. Friday afternoon/evening we had fun at The Butterfly House and Aquarium and at Wild Water West

waterpark before bunking at St. Mark's Lutheran Church where we shared pizza and a Bible Study before getting some sleep. Saturday morning we ate breakfast at IHOP and made our way to The Banquet homeless service ministry. We helped to serve lunch to over 200 people of all ages and we got the chance to eat lunch with them, too. After lunch and cleaning up we helped to distribute over 350 pre-filled backpacks to students in preschool through college. Before school starts, more than 7000 backpacks will be given away! It was awesome to share in the excitement of students receiving a new backpack with new school supplies ♥ We left the Banquet and headed to The Falls for a little time outdoors before loading up in the cars for the drive home. Thanks be to God and to the folks who donated so generously to make this Mission Trip happen. We were blessed by the opportunity to bless others. Our group unanimously decided that we're ready to go back to Sioux Falls again- and this time we're taking a bus so that many of YOU can come with us!



**Thank you! You did it! We exceeded our participation goal and the C.A.T. is dancing! 306 people completed the C.A.T survey and your input will be used to; 1) guide the Call Committee, when it is formed, in their mission to find Calvary's next Lead Pastor; 2) guide the leadership and the congregation in the years ahead as Calvary's mission is empowered through heritage but also through change.**

**Our Church Council, the Transition Team and key staff will be meeting with Rev. Kurt Jacobson, our C.A.T. Consultant, in the weeks ahead to learn how your input can teach us and lead us into God's future for Calvary.  
Thank You!**

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Do you check your texts or email regularly? Can you spare 30 seconds to lift up a sibling in Christ as they celebrate joys or navigate sorrows?  
Join PRAYER BLAST!



This Prayer Ministry (also known as the prayer chain) is getting a little freshening up! Call the church office and let us know that you would like to join this prayer ministry and if you would like to be reached via email or text. All ages and life stages are welcome to be a part of this important and confidential outreach. Questions? Contact the church office or Pastor Amy. Remember - we're stronger together!

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Join us for an Open House Wedding Shower honoring Thomas Bonnema & Hannah Grove on **Saturday, August 30th, 2025, at 10:00am in the Friendship Room.** Let's come together in love and fellowship to celebrate this wonderful couple as they prepare for their new life together. Stop by to share your blessings, enjoy light refreshments, and help shower Thomas and Hannah with joy!

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On Sunday, September 7th which is "God's Work-Our Hands" Sunday, the Social Kindness Committee will be preparing Goodie Boxes for recent grads who are now in college, tech school or who may be working in a new job. These will be assembled on September 7th and will be mailed. Parents, grandparents, guardians, please give names and addresses to the office and we will send them a little treat to let them know that Calvary Church is thinking of them. Please do this by September 5th. Thank you for your help!



**Questions? Call (320) 231-3587**

## Household hazardous waste Disposal guide

### Don't throw this stuff in the trash.

All of it poses a threat to people or the environment—or both—if not disposed of properly. Most of these items can be dropped off at your local *household hazardous waste facility* (see info on back). Call about disposal options for the rest.



### Household Items

Aerosol products\*  
Drain cleaners  
Fire extinguishers  
Mothballs  
Nail polish/remover  
Oven cleaner  
Polish with solvents  
Spot removers  
Thermometers (mercury)

Call for local disposal options

Button batteries  
Batteries (rechargeable)  
Electronics  
Fluorescent lights  
Syringes/sharps

#### \* Note!

Empty containers, including aerosols, can be disposed of in the trash or be recycled.



### Automotive

Brake and Transmission Fluid  
Carburetor cleaner  
Degreasers  
Fuels  
Gasoline

Call for local disposal options

Auto batteries  
Oil filters  
Antifreeze  
Motor oil



### Lawn and Garden

Bug spray  
Charcoal lighter fluid  
Fertilizer with weed killer  
Insect killer  
Pool chemicals  
Roach/ant killer  
Rodent bait  
Weed killer

### Home Improvement

Concrete cleaner  
Driveway sealer  
Furniture stripper  
Glue with solvents  
Oil-based paint  
Paint remover  
Paint thinner

Roofing tar  
Stain/varnish  
Wood preservatives  
Latex paint —  
(Whenever possible dry out waste latex paint and dispose in trash)



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



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#### **WEEKEND ATTENDANCE**

**August 9-10 - 123**  
**YouTube - 86 households**  
**Offerings - \$4,081.35**

**August 16-17 - 211**  
**YouTube - 88 Households**  
**Offerings- \$24,714.67**

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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](http://www.youtube.com/@calvarywillmar)**



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

