



The Calvary Messenger
September 5, 2025



**DON'T MISS THE FUN AT CHURCH
THIS SUNDAY!!!**

THIS SUNDAY, September 7th is a FUN, BUSY, SPIRIT-FILLED DAY at Calvary!!!! Dress casually for our 🌟🎵 **ARRAY Worship** 🙏🎉 celebrating the start of the 2025-2026 program year!

We hope you can be with us- here are the details!:

***9:00 Youth Led Worship with Back to School Blessings** for all students, teachers, and staff and all new church staff, Sunday School and Confirmation teachers, guides and students ♥ **Noisy Offering** (please bring quarters!) for laundry ministry for homeless friends ♥ **Baptism of Nora Daisy Peterson** ♥

***10:00 Rally Sunday Games and Fun in the Green Space-** Bounce House, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Lifesize Jenga, Yard Yahtzee, Corn Hole, and more! 📍🤔🏈🌟🎲🎮🏠

***10:00 God's Work. Our Hands Service Projects** in the Friendship Room, Kitchen, Bethany Hall, Education Wing, and outside. Help assemble goodie boxes for post high school young people 📦; fill backpacks for visitors in need; put together activity bags for Camp Noah 🧰🔪🔪🧰 prepare Sunday School rooms for students (wipe down tables, decorate bulletin boards, hang posters, etc); rake and trim around the church (please bring gloves and a rake) 🌳🍂🧰; decorate banners to welcome visitors to Calvary; write cards of encouragement to area teachers and school staff members!

11:00 Potluck Brunch in Bethany Hall- bring your favorite dish to share and have a relaxing meal with your siblings in Christ!





Sunday School & Confirmation Meal / Parent Meeting / Open House

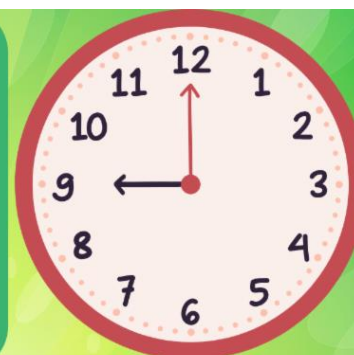
Just like your school Open House, you're invited to come and check out our Sunday School classrooms. We'll have a yummy meal together, too - Sloppy Joes, chips, veggies, fruit, and desserts!

Wednesday, September 10th

5:30pm Meal in Bethany Hall

6pm Parent Meeting followed by Open House

FALL SCHEDULE



ONE SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00

**Saturday Chapel at normal time-
5:30pm**

The Transition Team would like to extend a BIG thank you to the congregation for helping us reach our participation goal for the C.A.T. (Church Assessment Tool)! We'd also like to thank Mustard Seed Consulting - Pastor Kurt Jacobson, Church Council, and the Pastors and Staff for participating in the survey interpretation meeting in late August!

Holy Cow Consulting has worked with over 5,000 groups across the country to aid their leadership in making critical decisions through effective listening. They utilize an evidence-based discernment process which will aid us in taking informed, necessary next steps. Pastor Kurt Jacobson is a trained interpretive consultant for Holy Cow Consulting and has his own business, Mustard Seed Consulting. Pastor Kurt holds a Business/Hospital Admin & Communications Degree from Concordia, Moorhead, a Master of Divinity Degree from Luther Seminary, holds a certificate in Intentional Interim Ministry, is an author of multiple books, and served as a Pastor for 28 years.

Pastor Kurt met with church leadership and staff to review the results of the survey and assist us in interpreting what the data is telling us, how the tool is to be understood, and what it all means! Ultimately, the goal is to give us an understanding of who we are, what we prioritize, and help us define our culture and identity. It also helped us identify areas that could use attention and care. All things we need to know as we navigate the future of Calvary!

The Transition Team will be holding weekly meetings in September. We will prioritize ensuring our team, the Council, Pastors, and Staff understand the data and have opportunities to discuss it and ask questions so, they can communicate effectively to the congregation. We will also be making a plan to present the data and findings to the congregation - what that will look like we don't know just yet but we are working on it! As we move forward in this process please lift Calvary up in prayer and watch for the Holy Spirit working amongst us all!

- The Transition Team: Caleb Hanson, Kim Hanson, Bridget Pederson, and Sue Roepke

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who generously donated to Stuff the Bus! As always, we are amazed at the amount of supplies collected and it is very much appreciated.
Social Kindness Committee

 2025 WORSHIP AT CALVARY	
Saturday, Sept. 6th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Sept. 7th	9:00am SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF <i>Back to School/Teacher/Helper Blessings</i> 10:00am Games/God's Work-Our Hands 11:00am Potluck
Saturday, Sept. 13th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Sept. 14th	9:00am Traditional Worship - coffee following 10:15am Sunday School 
Saturday, Sept 20th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Sept. 21st	9:00am Array Worship - coffee following 10:15am Sunday School
Saturday, Sept. 27th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Sept. 28th	9:00am Traditional Worship Coffee with Council following worship in Friendship AND Koinonia Rooms 10:15am Sunday School
Wednesdays beginning Sept. 17th	Confirmation 6:15-8pm, Friendship Room



Library News

The Calvary Library is looking for volunteers to work in the library between church services on Sunday mornings. This is a no stress volunteer opportunity and training will be provided. If this is something that you might be interested in helping with, please contact Beth Bloomquist (320-905-8678), Kristi Glup (320-979-0295), or Cathy Halbritter (320-979-0129).

NTY

Friday, September 12
12:00 Noon

"Notes with Nick" - by Nick Carlson and Ann Holter will be entertaining us with their variety of country and gospel songs. Nick is the manager of Taco John's and Ann owns and manages Erbert & Gerbert's. They have been singing together for about a year. Nick is married and has 3 children and Ann is married and has 4 children. Come and enjoy the program at 1:00 if you can't make it for the noon lunch. "Newbies" are always welcome - invite someone new who hasn't been to NTY before to come & join us. Please call the church office by 4:30 Wednesday, September 10, to register for the catered lunch. Cost for lunch is \$7.00, payable in Bethany Hall and not at the church office. Thank you. If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.

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)

**SAVE THE DATE.....
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
4:00PM AT CALVARY**

WEST CENTRAL
SINGERS

***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

August 23-24- 157
YouTube - 62 households
Offerings - \$8,143.70

August 30-31 - 169
YouTube - 68 Households
Offerings- \$8,674.40

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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