



The Calvary Messenger ***October 17, 2025***

Next Messenger will be sent out October 31, 2025
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

Our Four Week Sermon Series for October



Beginning on October 18/19, our Social Kindness Committee will be collecting caps, mittens, socks, and underwear for elementary-aged children in our Willmar schools. These donated items have been a blessing for teachers and staff when they see a child in need. Look for sign and the bin in the narthex. Thank you in advance!

Creation Care Tip: Pet Care – Seek out a neighbor or friend that lives in a rural area to throw dog waste in a field in the winter months. In the summer it can be used to fertilize trees in your yard. When walking, train your dog to do their business in designated areas where the waste does not have to be picked up. This saves plastic and methane producing matter going in the landfill. Additionally, use natural bedding (hay or straw) in the winter and use this for mulch in the garden the next year.

Family Promise wants to extend a huge “thank you” for all of you that have volunteered with meals and grocery shopping. Continue praying for Family Promise Staff and families involved in this ministry.

Cemetery News

We are reorganizing the Cemetery Committee. Anyone interested in volunteering and helping at the Calvary Cemetery, please contact Kevin Hanson at kevinhanson@edinareality.com or 320-894-7949



Library Book Summary

The Remember Balloons by Jessie Oliveros is a new book in our library for children to help them understand changes that may happen with dementia. James’s grandpa has the best balloons because he has the best memories. He has balloons showing James’s dad when he was young and his grandma when they were married. Grandpa has balloons about camping and Aunt Nelle’s poor cow. Grandpa also has a silver balloon filled with the memory of a fishing trip he and James took together. But when Grandpa’s balloons begin to float away, James is heartbroken. No matter how hard he runs, James can’t catch them. One day, Grandpa lets go of the silver balloon—and he doesn’t even notice! Grandpa no longer has balloons of his own. But James has many more than before. It’s up to him to share those balloons, one by one.



Willmar Middle School Gateway to Technology classes are looking for 1/2-gallon cardboard containers. The goal is to have 40 by December for their upcoming project. Be sure to rinse the containers and can be dropped off near the harvest share table at the east entrance. Thank you!



Scout Troop 224

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday October 25th
7:00am to 11:00am
Calvary Lutheran Church
Bethany Hall

Menu:
Pancakes, Sausage, Milk, Juice, Coffee

Freewill Donation

Funds used for Troop 224 camping expenses
Thank You for supporting Scouting



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WEST CENTRAL
 **SINGERS**
 presents

A BIT OF NORWAY

Director Naomi Powers-Baker
 Accompanist Kari Stadem
 Special Guests Fiddlers
 from Sunburg Community Music



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 | 4 PM
 First Lutheran Norway Lake
 6338 Cty Rd 40 NW | New London, MN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025 | 4 PM
 Calvary Lutheran Church
 302 Olen Ave SE | Willmar, MN

westcentralsingers.com
 Tickets Available at the Door
 Children & Students free! | Adults \$10



This activity is funded in part with a grant from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council made possible by the voters of Minnesota, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Women's Retreat

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025
EAGLE LAKE LUTHERAN

Music & Worship
 Art & Creativity
 Food & Fellowship

**9:30am-3:30pm, includes
 coffee, lunch, and snacks
 \$20 suggested donation**

We are honored to welcome as our speaker Dawn Clouse, director of Hope for our City, to share her mission to provide food and support for area residents.

We'll be collecting
CHEESE & 
 to donate to Hope for Our City

This third annual retreat is organized by leaders at Eagle Lake Lutheran; Hope Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, and Ebenezer and Tripolis Lutheran churches in Kandiyohi. We are grateful for a grant from Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, Endowment Fund.

***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!



WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

October 4 /5 - Sat - 50; Sun - 162

YouTube - 98 households

Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD/s	\$4650.00
Online Giving	\$1913.85
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$2315.50
Total	\$8879.35

October 11/12 - Sat - 47; Sun - 181

YouTube - 81 Households

Sunday School - 37

Confirmation - 21

Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD/s	\$ 700.00
Online Giving	\$3,345.80
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$3,779.50
Total	\$7,825.30

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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

