



The Calvary Messenger

October 31, 2025

Next Messenger will be sent out November 14, 2025
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint—a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus. Here at Calvary, we will recognize and remember those members who have died since last All Saints' Day as we traditionally have- by reading their name, lighting a candle, and ringing a bell. This year we will also give all who are assembled for worship the opportunity to light a candle (taper or battery operated) in remembrance of others in their lives who have died and joined the great cloud of witnesses. After receiving Communion, you will pass by a table with candles available. You may light a candle and sink it into the sand. If you would prefer not to light a candle but would rather turn on a battery operated one and place it on the table, that would be wonderful also. All ages are invited to participate in this celebration of the Saints.



Arnette Sandbo-Hirman	11/02/2024	Barbara Hanson	05/31/2025
Marie Engwall	11/18/2024	Milan Schmiesing	06/24/2025
Dorothy Freese	12/19/2024	Michelle "Missy" Muehlbauer	07/04/2025
Steven Swenson	12/31/2024	Helen Ensrude	07/21/2025
Dorothy Beseman	02/07/2025	Lavonne Amundson	08/06/2025
Nathan Antich	03/12/2025	Dave Eichorst	09/30/2025
Curtis Jacobson	03/29/2025	Edna Kallevig	10/05/2025
Daniel Krueger	04/19/2025	Lyle Simenson	10/10/2025
Mildred Johnson	05/22/2025		



Thank you to the Calvary Family for your prayers, cards, and support during my hospitalization. Cindy and I really appreciate everything you've done for us. We are grateful and blessed to be part of the Calvary Family.
John Dean



HYGIENE PRODUCTS COLLECTION FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!

Willmar Community Closet would like to distribute hygiene products to folks in need. Calvary Confirmation students are collecting these items in the black milk crates on the

Community Exchange table by the east entry doors/ office window. Students will deliver items to The Community Closet on Service Project Night,

November 19th. Thank you for your donations!

Items needed include: soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, nail clippers, combs, brushes.

13 gallon garbage bags are also needed

Library Book Summary

Living Well in a Broken World: Discover the Hidden Power of Empathy by Lauren Casper

Loving your neighbor as yourself would be easy if your neighbors were all people you understood, people you agreed with, people like you. But what about playground bullies, colleagues, refugees, online adversaries? They're all our neighbors, and Jesus said to love them. Every one. But how? Lauren Casper believes the key is the lost art of empathy, stepping into other people's shoes and asking what if?—what if it were my child? What if it were me? Casper helps us discover how to

- identify our blind spots and tune our hearts to the stories around us;
- seek and extend forgiveness with grace and humility; and
- engage in diverse and meaningful relationships

Following these steps will enable us to connect in simple but life-altering ways, to respond to conflict with grace, bring about needed change, and shine God's unconditional love into a dark world.

2025 at Calvary

Sat., Nov. 1st	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Nov. 2nd	9:00am Array Worship – Youth Led/Noisy Offering 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:15–11:15am Sunday School
Sat., Nov. 8 th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Nov. 9 th	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:15–11:15am Sunday School
Sat., Nov. 15 th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Nov. 16 th	9:00am Array Worship 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:15–11:15am Sunday School, God and Me
Sat., Nov. 22 nd	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel / Offering/Commitment Cards Coffee w/ Council following
Sunday, Nov. 23 rd	9:00am Traditional Worship / Offering/Commitment Cards 10:00am Coffee with Council in Friendship AND Koinonia Rooms 10:15–11:15am Sunday School
Wed., Nov. 26 th	6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Pie Social to follow
Sat. Nov. 29 th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Nov. 30 th	9:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:15–11:15am Sunday School

YOU ARE INVITED! POST-HALLOWEEN FALL FUN PARTY FOR ALL AGES!
Friday, November 14 – 6:30-8pm
Snacks, Games, Crafts, Activities, Music, Prizes, Fun for all!
Come in costume for an EXTRA PRIZE!
Everyone is welcome- all ages, singles, families, friends & neighbors!

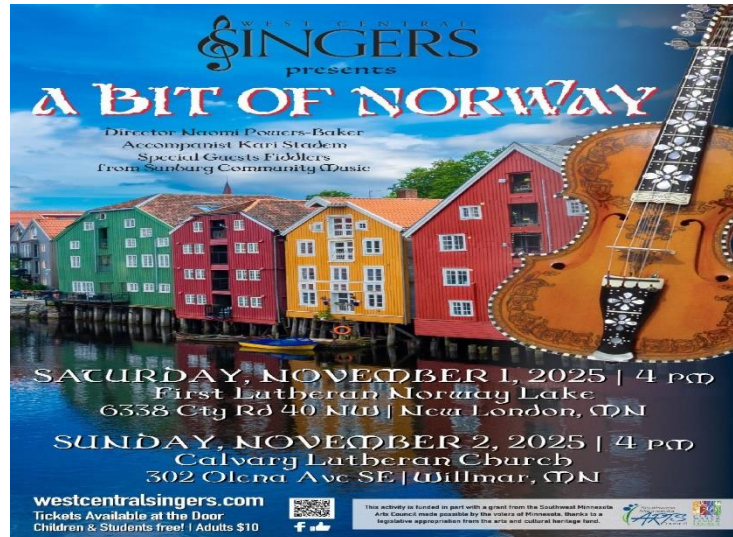
*Hosted by Calvary Youth Leadership Team

NTY
Friday, November 15
12:00 Noon

"STAYING MENTALLY STRONG" with Karen Oswood and John Salgado-Maldonado from Woodland Centers. This presentation focuses on key mental health concerns that commonly affect adults—such as loneliness, grief, depression, and anxiety. Participants will learn how to recognize signs of emotional distress, understand the impact of social connections on well-being, and explore practical tools to support a positive mindset and daily resilience. The session encourages conversation, reduces stigma, and provides local resources to help seniors stay connected, active, and mentally strong in their later years. If you can't make it for the noon lunch, come and enjoy the program at 1:00. Guests are always welcome also!! Please call the church office by 4:30 Wednesday, November 12, 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.

CHANGE OF MEETING DAY FOR GATHER BIBLE STUDY

Starting in November 2025, Gather Bible Study will be moved from the 3rd Wednesday of the month to the **3rd Tuesday** of each month. The meeting time of 10:00am will stay the same. The next meeting date will be **Tuesday, November 18 at 10am**.



If anyone is interested in attending, please sign up by calling the church office by November 3rd. Registration fee will be paid by Calvary.



ROOTED IN FAITH

Fresh Paths for Youth and Family Ministry

Equipping Congregations Day
Saturday, Nov. 8th
8:30am - 2:30pm
Peace Lutheran, New London MN

Congregations of every size and context can nurture faith, create welcome, and embrace ministry with youth and young adults.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Todd Buegler
Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna MN

Featuring: the **SYNOD YOUTH BAND**
Lunch catered by Qdoba!

Register online at www.swmnelca.org/event/ecd2025
\$30 per person.

Attend your choice of 2 out of 6 Workshops!
Workshop descriptions will be posted online at www.swmnelca.org.



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



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.

Order Your Poinsettias

Would you like to give a poinsettia plant for decorating our church during this Christmas season? The poinsettia's are given 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one. The cost is \$12 per plant. Stop by the church office along with your payment. Please make checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church. **The deadline for ordering these plants is December 7th.** You make take your plant home after the service on **December 24th.**



***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 18/19 - Sat - 46; Sun - 157

YouTube - 85 households

Sunday School - 34/51 registered

Confirmation - 21/26 registered

Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD	\$1,000.00
Online Giving	\$3,302.30
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$3,806.50
Total	\$8,108.80

October 25/26 - Sat - 50; Sun - 186

YouTube - 103 Households

Sunday School - 25/51 registered

Confirmation - 24/26 registered

Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD	\$ 950.00
Online Giving	\$ 878.15
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$4,129.00
Total	\$5,957.15

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!

