

The Calvary Messenger *November 14, 2025*

Next Messenger will be sent out December 12, 2025
If you have questions, contact the church office at 320-235-2508.

Winter Self Care Bucket List Challenge

- ☐ Day 1: Enjoy a cup of peppermint hot chocolate.
- ☐ Day 2: Send out holiday cards to your loved ones.
- ☐ Day 3: Stay hydrated and start a water log in your journal.
- ☐ Day 4: Bake yummy sweet treats like snowman cookies.
- ☐ Day 5: Decorate your place with twinkling lights!
- ☐ Day 6: Make a cute gingerbread house.
- ☐ Day 7: Invest in a few winter wellness must-haves.
- ☐ Day 8: Create a whimsical eyeshadow look!
- ☐ Day 9: Take a festive photo and post it on Insta!
- ☐ Day 10: Complete a random act of kindness.
- ☐ Day 11: Plan an outdoor activity.
- ☐ Day 12: Go to a festive event, like a tree lighting.
- ☐ Day 13: Look at holiday decorations in your neighborhood!
- ☐ Day 14: Have a cozy night in — pjs and a holiday candle!
- ☐ Day 15: Donate blankets and food to an animal shelter.
- ☐ Day 16: Make dinner with seasonal veggies.
- ☐ Day 17: Watch a cheesy holiday movie.
- ☐ Day 18: Play nostalgic board games with your friends.
- ☐ Day 19: Knit or crochet yourself a cozy scarf and mittens.
- ☐ Day 20: Run a bath and listen to holiday music.
- ☐ Day 21: See a holiday musical or show near you.
- ☐ Day 22: Rest your body and take a nap.
- ☐ Day 23: Complete a page of a holiday coloring book.
- ☐ Day 24: Create a self care kit for traveling.
- ☐ Day 25: Get some fresh air.
- ☐ Day 26: Calm your mind with soft winter sounds.
- ☐ Day 27: Start a fun & meaningful project, like a scrapbook!
- ☐ Day 28: Write down a list of goals for the New Year.
- ☐ Day 29: DIY winter themed skincare products!
- ☐ Day 30: Read a book as the snow falls outside!

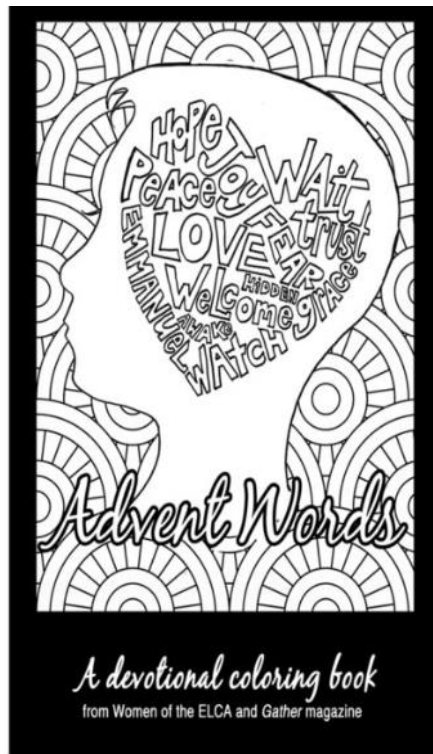
YOU ARE INVITED! POST-HALLOWEEN FALL FUN PARTY FOR ALL AGES!
Friday, November 14 – 6:30-8pm
Snacks, Games, Crafts, Activities, Music, Prizes, Fun for all!
Come in costume for an EXTRA PRIZE!
Everyone is welcome- all ages, singles, families, friends & neighbors!
***Hosted by Calvary Youth Leadership Team**

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Just a reminder, we have Coffee with Council on Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd. Topic is church finances.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports are due by **Friday, December 5**. Please email them to plueders@calvarywillmar.org THANK YOU!



Gather's "Advent words" devotional coloring booklet makes a great gift for a friend—or for yourself!

Featuring 25 daily devotionals—one for each day of Advent—each page contains an image for coloring, a passage from Scripture, a brief reflection and a prayer. This devotional booklet is a perfect way to spend some time in devotion each day of the Advent season.

Get your copy of the complete devotional for just \$7 by calling 844-409-0576.

THANK YOU, CALVARY!

In 2 short weeks, the people of Calvary filled the collection tubs to overflowing with the following items for the Willmar Schools: 52 caps/hats, 41 pairs of gloves, 11 pairs of mittens, 266 pairs of socks and 159 pairs of undies! Thank you for your wonderful generosity! Social Kindness Committee



I want to thank all of Calvary's families. Sharon & I very much appreciated your prayers and thoughts during my hospitalization and now during daily recovery. We could feel the power of prayer. A special thanks to Pastor Amy for her visits and prayers. Please remember to pray for all who are sick. Thank you to all.
Dennis Eastman.

THANK YOU!

We received word from Mr. Mixon from the Middle School to thank Calvary for collecting cartons for his Gateway to Technology class to make robots! **Way to go Calvary!!**



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***

CALVARY'S GIVING TREE

On Saturday, November 22, the annual Giving Tree will be up and fully decorated with ornaments. Each ornament has a gift request for individuals served by Kandiyohi County, Bethesda, Safe Avenue, PFF, Cheri's Place, Earl's Place, Campus Ministry and Lutheran Social Services. Please choose an ornament (or 2), purchase the gift and place it in a gift bag with the colored ornament attached. Gifts need to be brought to the office **BEFORE DECEMBER 14TH** to be distributed before Christmas. What a joy this will bring to those who may not otherwise receive a gift. THANK YOU!
Social Kindness Committee

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP!

During our upcoming holiday season in church, we have no one signed up to help with communion in the month of December. Please seriously consider helping as we have many services with communion being served. Contact the church office or Susan Roepke 320-894-4228 if you can help. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We will have our Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30pm with pie and coffee to follow.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Thanksgiving Offering is designated to **United for Neighbors**.

If you would like to contribute to the mission of Calvary, please click on the QR code. Thank You!



UNITED for NEIGHBORS

United for Neighbors is an opportunity for area congregations to come together to practice compassion for those who are in need for any reason. Jesus reminds us that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the least of these, we serve him directly. United for Neighbors' goal is to raise \$20,000 to meet urgent food, heating, and housing needs across our communities. Funds donated will be divided between three partner organizations: KANDIYOHI COUNTY FOOD SHELF / WILLMAR AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION / UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP. These organizations will track contributions made during November as we strive to reach the \$20,000 goal.

If you would like to make a donation there are a few options:

- *Place a check made out to CALVARY LUTHERAN in the offering plate with UNITED FOR NEIGHBORS written on the memo line*
- *Place cash in an envelope marked UNITED FOR NEIGHBORS in the offering place*
- *Drop off cash or check at the church office*
- *Scan the Calvary Contributions QR code available in the newsletter or bulletin. Scroll down to MISCELLANEOUS and click 'give now'. Complete the donation information. In the DESIGNATION box enter 'United for Neighbors'. Click 'Add to Basket'.*

Thank you for your care and concern for God's people everywhere. Blessings this holiday season and always!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



As the holiday season approaches, check out our silverware library!

November 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

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 will be **Tuesday, November 18 at 10am**.

Order Your Poinsettias

Would you like to give a poinsettia plant for decorating our church during this Christmas season? The poinsettias 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 may take your plant home after the service on **December 24th**.

MEMORIAL TREE

Honoring the memory of those we have lost

Calvary wants to thank Michelle Fernholz & Lita, Britta Willenbring, and Brenda Tait for setting up our Memorial Tree the first week of December located at the east entrance. You may add your ornaments during regular office hours, Monday-Thursday 7:30 - 4 and Fridays 7:30 - 2:30. Please pick up ornaments by Monday, January 5th or they will be stored for next time. Thank you!

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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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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