



The Calvary Messenger

February 27, 2026

Next Messenger will be sent out March 13, 2026

GATHER AND GROW - SUNDAY, MARCH 1

US Dakota War of 1862: History, Aftermath, Current Efforts for Healing

The US Dakota War began here, where we now live, in southwestern Minnesota. Failed treaties and corruption led to its beginning in 1862 and in many ways the war did not end until Wounded Knee in 1890. This Gather & Grow Adult Forum will trace this history, consider its impact at the time, and talk about the efforts for reconciliation and healing that are taking place today. Dean Urdahl has authored several books on this history and has been a leading voice in the efforts for reconciliation and healing. He brings a personal perspective with his family among the first European settlers in the area. He brings a professional interest as a retired history teacher. He also brings the perspective of a former state legislator who used his public position to work towards both formal and informal reconciliation and healing. Pastor Troy Pflibsen gets to tag along to talk about the Southwestern Minnesota Synod's work in the midst of the larger efforts.

March Ministry of the Month

Building and Grounds



We are looking for people to join the committee for taking care of our church. Ask at the church office how you can help.

We want you!



HONOR LOVED ONES

Every Easter, Calvary likes to fill the Sanctuary with flowers, provided in honor and in memory of loved ones. You're invited to purchase plants for \$10/plant to express your love and appreciation and help the church defray costs of providing the plants. **Friday March 27, 2026**, is the last day to order Easter flowers. Your flower dedications will be part of a special insert that will be available on Easter **Sunday, April 5, 2026**. Make checks payable to "Calvary Lutheran Church." Thank you!

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK - March 23-27

We will be hosting Family Promise on March 23-27. Meals are needed for Monday, March 23, Tuesday, March 24, and Thursday, March 26. If you are able to help, please let Joni Hanson know. Her number is 320-220-1324. Thank you!

MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH

March is the month that we emphasize the need to stock the shelves at the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. In order to collect a good variety of non-perishable food, we suggest the following for each week:

Feb 28-March 1 - **Canned vegetables, fruit, meat (tuna, spam, etc.)**

March 7-8 - **Soups, crackers**

March 14-15 - **Cereals, peanut butter, breakfast items, granola bars**

March 21/22 - **Pasta, sauces, mac & cheese, etc.**

March 28/29 - **Any non-perishable food**

As always, monetary donations are welcome and can be left in the office or the offering plate (with food shelf designation). We have set a goal of \$1,600. Let's get on board and fill the cart every week! Thank you for your willingness to give. Social Kindness Committee

DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!

Spring ahead 1 hour. Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 8th**. We don't want you to be late to worship with us!



Set your clocks ahead

RECIPIENTS FOR OFFERINGS DURING LENT

Wednesday, March 4 - Hawk Creek Animal Shelter
Wednesday, March 11 - Safe Avenues
Wednesday, March 18 - Hope for Our City
Wednesday, March 25 - Arrive Ministries
Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday - General Fund
Friday, April 3 - Good Friday - General Fund

CREATION CARE

Willmar Public Schools Community Education is offering a **FREE** Home Composting class on Monday, March 23 from 4:30 - 6pm at Jefferson Learning Center-111. The instructor is Kandiyohi County Master Gardener volunteers. Registration is required at wce.willmar.k12.mn.us, CODE W26-A-COMPOST or call 320-214-8480. If interested, please check it out!

LIBRARY NEWS

In the chapter book *The Teacher Who Forgot Too Much*, by Steve Brezenoff, Catalina "Cat" Duran and her class are off to the recycling center for what seems like the worst field trip ever. But when they arrive, they find out that the recycling plant has been sabotaged! Only Cat and her friends can save the day (and help save the Earth, too!).

CALVARY'S MILITARY BOARD

Calvary's Military Board needs to be updated. If you have a family member(s) that are in active duty, could you please bring a picture of them to the church office by April 15th. We would like these pictures displayed so that we are able to pray for each and every one of them. Thank you!



March 2026 WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
Sunday, March 1st	9:00am Youth Led Service/Noisy Offering (Gather & Grow following the service) 10:15 Sunday School
Wednesday, March 4th	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
Saturday, March 7th	5:30 Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 8th	9:00am Worship (coffee following) 10:15am Sunday School
Wednesday, March 11th	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
Saturday, March 14th	5:30 Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 15th	9:00am Worship (Gather & Grow following service) 10:15am Sunday School
Wednesday, March 18th	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
Saturday, March 21st	5:30 Traditional Worship in the Chapel/Coffee with Council
Sunday, March 22nd	9:00am Worship/Coffee with Council 10:15am Sunday School
Wednesday, March 25th	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
Saturday, March 28th	5:30 Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 29th	Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship (coffee following) 10:15 Sunday School

JOIN THE BOARD OF WORSHIP!

The Board of Worship needs **YOU!** Join us as we meet to discuss, plan, and evaluate all aspects of our congregation's worship, music, and spiritual cares. Help us to grow our hospitality and welcoming ministries! For more information, contact current Board of Worship members: Cathy Halbritter - Council Liaison, Victoria Larsen, and Michelle Fernholz.

Monthly Financial Report – January 2026

The Monthly Financial Report of the General Fund for January 2026:

	Actual	Budget	Actual > Budget
Inflows:	\$63,566	\$54,167	\$9,399
Outflows:	(53,539)	(50,396)	(3,143)
Net Inflows > Outflows	\$10,027	\$3,770	\$6,257
Transfers In-Capital Fund*	679	1,667	(987)
Transfers <u>Out</u> -Special Funds**	(2,500)	(2,500)	0
Net Income	\$8,206	\$2,937	\$5,269

* Income transferred from Capital Funds to pay for capital-related expenditures.

** Funds transferred back to Special Funds for what was borrowed in previous year. It is the goal to re-pay the Special Funds \$2,500 per month.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Fenske at 320-894-1184 or fenskeb13@gmail.com

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



***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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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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