

The Calvary Messenger

May 8, 2026

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A Blessing for All Women

Dear Heavenly Father,

This weekend we come together to honor and celebrate all women—mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. We thank You for their strength, wisdom, and unwavering love. May they feel appreciated not just this weekend or this month, but every day for the countless ways they nurture and uplift those around them.

We pray:

- **For Strength:** May every woman be clothed with strength and dignity, able to face the challenges of life with grace and courage (Proverbs 31:25)
- **For Comfort:** Just as a mother comforts her child, may they find comfort in Your presence and know they are never alone (Isaiah 66:13)
- **For Joy:** Let their hearts be filled with joy and laughter, knowing the impact of their love and sacrifices in the lives of others
- **For Recognition:** Help us to honor and appreciate all the women in our lives, acknowledging their contributions and the love they share (Exodus 20:12)
- **For Blessings:** May they be blessed with peace, happiness, and fulfillment in all their endeavors, and may they always feel valued and loved

In Your name, we pray, Amen.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us remember that every woman plays a vital role in shaping our world. Whether they are biological mothers, spiritual mentors, or nurturing figures, their influence is profound. Let us express our gratitude and love, not just today, but throughout the year. May this Mother's Day be a reminder of the beauty and strength of women everywhere, and may they continue to inspire and uplift those around them. Happy Mother's Day!

-Pastor Amy

May Ministry of the Month

Creation Care

LOVE
OUR
PLANET



We have a **SILVERWARE LIBRARY!**

Are you entertaining & need extra silverware?

- **Avoid buying plastic silverware, then dumping it in the landfill.**
- **Calvary members can sign-out REAL (sturdy, not plastic) silverware. (available in the church office)**

Thanks for your help reducing the use of plastic!

RAISED BED PLANTER ASSEMBLY FOR FUTURE SALSA GARDEN Jack, Nick, Elizabeth, Carter, Isabelle



9 steps

TO POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

Make social connection	Stay active	Talk to someone
Appeal to your senses	Take up a relaxation practice	Make leisure
Eat a brain-healthy diet	Don't skimp on sleep.	Accept yourself

MENTAL HEALTH REMINDERS:

1. doing your best looks different everyday.
2. celebrate your wins, no matter how small.
3. be proud of how hard you're trying.
4. you are strong enough to do hard things.
5. it's okay to not be okay sometimes.
6. you are loved and enough always.



CLASS OF



Madelynn George
Aubrey Hjelle
Bailey Nichols



Walk forward with confidence, knowing the Lord has already prepared a future filled with hope and purpose for you.

Sing to the Lord a new song!



We're looking for people who would like to help lead our singing in Worship- individuals or small groups. If you love to sing and would like more information about what volunteering as a worship song leader might look like, please let the church office or Pastor Amy know!

"Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world." – Isaiah 12:5



Let's have some musical fun this summer! Submit your hymn or worship song request in the offering plate or box available at the back of the worship space and we will work your favorites into our worship services throughout the summer!
(Songs DO NOT have to be from the ELW!)

CALVARY'S MILITARY and PUBLIC SERVANTS BULLETIN BOARD

Calvary's Military Board is being updated to include those who serve the public as Police Officers, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Firefighters, and Rescue personnel. If you have a family member(s) who are active duty military or who are currently public servants in any of these roles, please bring a picture of them to the church office by May 18. We would like these pictures displayed so that we are able to pray for each and every one of them! Thank you!

GATHER BIBLE STUDY

Our next Gather Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, May 19th in the Koinonia Room with Elsa with a new start time of **9:30am**. Everyone one is welcome and we will have copies of the study for those who do not receive the magazine.

LIBRARY NEWS

Journey by Aaron Becker

With supple line, luminous color, and nimble flights of fancy, author-illustrator Aaron Becker launches an ordinary child on an extraordinary journey toward her greatest and most exciting adventure of all. Follow a girl on an elaborate flight of fancy in a wondrously illustrated, wordless picture book about self-determination — and unexpected friendship.

LOST AND FOUND: Car key with Mills punch card on it found last Sunday. Also, wireless headphones were found in the parking lot last Thursday. Call or stop at church office to identify as yours. Thank you!

BULLETIN AND RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP

Reminder: A great way to celebrate a special event or remember and honor someone is to sponsor the bulletin and/or do radio sponsorship. Bulletin sponsorship is \$50 and radio sponsorship is \$75. Let us celebrate and remember with you. Contact the church office if you are interested.

OPEN HOUSE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Marlis Mortensen is turning 90!

Marlis' family invites everyone to Bethany Hall on Sunday, May 17th from 2-4pm to help Marlis celebrate her big day!

Marion Rusten is turning 100!

Marion's family invite everyone to celebrate her birthday on Saturday, May 23rd from 2-4pm in the Friendship Room.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK - JUNE 1-4

We will be hosting Family Promise on June 1-4. Meals are needed for Monday, June 1, Tuesday, June 2, and Thursday, June 4. We also need a person to purchase groceries on Monday, June 1. If you are able to help, please let Joni Hanson know. Her number is 320-220-1324. Thank you!

If you are able to help, here is a list of items they have a limited supply of: Bath towels (no washcloths), 13 gal garbage bags, hand soap (refill bottles), toilet paper, zip lock bags (all sizes), aluminum foil, saran wrap, dish soap. Thank you!

Hutchinson Anyone?

Creation Care is looking for anyone who happens to drive to/thru Hutchinson as that is where we bring our hard styrofoam (polystyrene) for recycling. We don't want you to make a special trip but if you're headed that way, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING GATHER AND GROW ADULT FORUMS

May 17 - Thrivent

Please join us following worship on Sunday, May 17th for a Gather & Grow Adult Forum with Thrivent. Andy Boersma, Associate Financial Advisor with River Lakes Financial Group - Thrivent in Spicer, will host a question-and-answer session and will also share recent updates to the Thrivent Choice program.

We are excited to share that Calvary Lutheran Church received \$66,359 through the Thrivent Choice program from July 2010 to May 2026! THANK YOU!

ACTIVITIES AT CALVARY

Sunday, May 10 - Carter and Confirmation Students lead One Room Sunday School to give the teachers a DAY OFF for Mother's Day 😊 Help Sunday School students make cards and plant flowers for the special women in their lives. Maybe play a game or two? Have a snack? **Get some service hours!** Let Carter or Pastor Amy know if you can help!

Wednesday, May 13 - 6:00 Supper / Opening (Acts 2) & Game / Large – Spiritual Gifts Inventory results / Small Groups – Time & Talent Worksheet / Worship / **TURN IN YOUR SERVICE HOURS – AWARDS GIVEN MAY 20 AT STONERIDGE END OF THE YEAR PARTY!**

Saturday, May 16 - 10am – Noon / Cemetery Spring Spruce Up – EARN SERVICE HOURS! 😊/

Meet at the Calvary Cemetery (2401 Gorton Ave) / Wear closed-toed shoes / bring water bottle and gloves

Wednesday, May 20 - 5:15 meet at Bethesda StoneRidge for supper / 6-7pm Host and play games and award prizes to StoneRidge residents! **End of year awards for Attendance, Bringing your Bible, and SERVICE HOURS!!!**



VETERANS APPRECIATION PRE-GAME PICNIC
THURSDAY, JULY 2 • 6:00-7:00 • GAME 7:05
BILL TAUNTON STADIUM - WILLMAR, MN
POST-GAME FIREWORKS SHOW

ALL VETERANS RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS & CHOICE OF BURGER OR BRAT, BAG OF CHIPS AND SODA/WATER!

CONTACT THE KANDIYOHI COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY BY CALLING 320-231-6226 OR STOP BY THE OFFICE AT 2200 23RD STREET NE, WILLMAR.

Calvary night at the Stingers ballpark!

Sunday, July 19th
Game starts at 5:05pm
After Calvary pays for half,
your cost is
\$20.00 per ticket.

Scholarships are available to help with the cost of the tickets.
Contact the church office to purchase tickets or request a scholarship.



Willmar Stingers

Your ticket will include unlimited hamburgers, brats, chips, pop and water in our Calvary suite. Come and join us for fellowship and cheer on your Willmar Stingers.

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



MAY 2026

Saturday, May 2nd	5:30pm Chapel Worship
Sunday, May 3rd	9:00am Youth Led Service/Noisy Offering (coffee following) 10:15am Sunday School/Gather & Grow-Hawk Creek
Saturday, May 9th	5:30pm Chapel Worship
Sunday, May 10th	9:00am Worship (coffee following) 10:15am One room Sunday School in Bethany Hall w/Carter and friends <i>HAPPY Mother's Day</i>
Saturday, May 16th	5:30pm Chapel Worship
Sunday, May 17th	9:00am Worship/10:00 End of year Celebration Breakfast 10:15 Gather & Grow-Thrivent
Saturday, May 23rd	5:30pm Chapel Worship
Sunday, May 24th	9:00am Worship 10:15 Gather & Grow-Woodland Centers MEMORIAL DAY  REMEMBER AND HONOR
Saturday, May 30th	5:30pm Chapel Worship
Sunday, May 31st	9:00am Worship (coffee following)

**“Let all that you do be done in love.”
Colossians 3:14**