

# The Messenger

A monthly publication for Calvary Lutheran Church  
www.calvarywillmar.org

April 2019

## Together in Christ

Empowered to Be  
and Make Disciples

## Come Worship With Us

### Wednesday

5:00 PM - Lenten Meal

6:00 PM - Lenten Worship

6:45 PM - Adult Education

### Saturday

5:30 PM - Chapel Worship

### Sunday

8:00 AM - First Word Worship

9:05 AM - Education for All

10:15 AM - Foundation & Praise Worship

## Holy Week

**April 14 - Palm/Passion Sunday**

**April 18 - Maundy Thursday**

6:00 PM - Worship w/Holy Communion

**April 19 - Good Friday**

12:00 PM - Joint Worship at Calvary

7:30 PM - Community Service of  
Shadows at Vinje



## Resurrection of Our Lord

**Easter Sunday, April 21**

7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM - Worship with  
Holy Communion

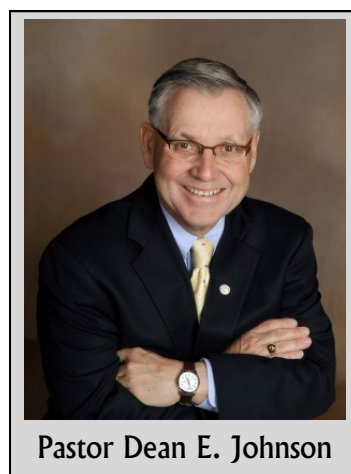
## Spring...Please Come Soon!

By all accounts and comments, it has been a long and difficult winter. Do not lose heart, spring is on the way. The snow is melting, the frost is coming out of the ground and soon we will see green grass!

A long and difficult winter reminds us of our personal situations in life and Christian faith. The human condition sometimes is like a long, difficult winter; there are challenges, setbacks, disappointments, losses, fragmentation, separations and hurt. Many of these emotions and experiences often occur in one's daily life.

Like the anticipation of spring, we in faith also practice and hold on to hope! **Hope springs eternal!** It is especially true in the Christian life. March and April include the season of Lent. It concludes with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday! Despite all of the tribulations, suffering, distractions and setbacks in the World, God has promised through the life and death of Christ, that we will "live through the tough winter" of life and be granted and eternal citizenship with Christ!

**Yes, He Is Risen! Because He lives, we too shall live forever!**



Pastor Dean E. Johnson

-Pastor Dean E. Johnson



**Grief Care!** Join us on Monday's! 5:15-6:30 PM  
in the Friendship Room, led by Pastor Dean.



## Early Childhood Family Sunday School

**Sunday, April 7 | 9:05-10:05 AM**  
Meet in the Youth Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor of the ed. wing). For parents and children who are 3 years and younger. This month's story is "Jesus Dies and Rises."  
**ALL are welcome!**

## Sunday School Offering & Noisy Offering

We continue to collect money to help support the Willmar Regional Cancer Center. We collect offering every week during Sunday school and we will take a Noisy Offering during the 10:15 AM Worship service on Sunday, April 7. Together we have raised over \$600! Thank you for helping us make a difference.

## Singing In Worship

**Palm Sunday, April 14  
10:15 AM**

All Sunday school children will process in with palm branches and sing during worship.

## ALL Ages Holy Week Experience

**Palm Sunday, April 14  
9:05-10:05 AM**

Everyone is invited to learn together about Holy Week! Meet in Bethany Hall.  
NO regular Sunday School.

## First Communion

### Schedule:

**(2nd Grade Children & Parents)**

**Sunday, April 7**

**Rescheduled Date**

**9:05 AM**

(during Sunday school) - Holy Communion Instruction with Pastor Naomi. Meet in the Koinonia Room, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Ed wing.

**Wednesday, April 17**

**6:15-7:30 PM**

Bread baking and Orientation. Meet in Bethany Hall, located in the basement.

**Thursday, April 18**

**6:00 PM**

Second grade children will receive their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday Worship service.



**CALVARY at  
CAMP**

## Day Camp

NEW this year! Calvary is teaming up with Bethel and Vinje Lutheran Churches and Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, for Day Camp.

- Day Camp for grades K-5 (completed) will be on site at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp. Kids will be bused to and from camp each day from Vinje Lutheran Church.
- For ages 4-5 Day Camp will be located at Vinje Lutheran Church.

Cost is \$30. Scholarships are available. Cost includes lunch and transportation to Shores. Information about Day Camp has been emailed to parents. If you didn't get the email or you have more questions, contact Janel Skindeliien. We hope you will join us for this FUN week of Day Camp!

## Summer Bible Camp

Join us for a week at Bible Camp! Calvary's Camp Week (at GLLM) this year will be **June 23-28!** Come join Janel and other Calvary kids for this exciting week at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp! For more information check out the GLLM website ([www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org)) or talk to Janel.

## Bible Camp Scholarships for 2019

Calvary will help pay for the cost of camp (\$115/half week and \$235/full week) for any Calvary youth who attends a Lutheran Bible Camp. Additional scholarships are also available. Questions? Talk to Janel.



## Easter Breakfast

**Sunday, April 21**

**8-10 AM in Bethany Hall**

Calvary Youth will be serving egg bake, fruit and muffins as a fundraiser for their summer houseboat trip. You can show your support by coming and eating or by signing up to donate a breakfast item, such as milk, fruit or muffins. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the narthex in April!



## Moving Movie

**Sunday, April 7**

**4-8 PM**

This event is for youth in grades 5-8, the cost is \$10/person. Please have registration turned into the church office by **Wednesday, April 3**. Join us for an evening of dinner & a movie...on the go! We will be traveling to three different churches to enjoy a three course meal, watch the movie "Ralph Breaks the Internet" and activities along the way!

## High School Youth Group

**April 7 - NO Youth Group**

There is a volunteer opportunity with Moving Movie; talk to Zachary or Janel.

**April 14 - 6:30-8:30 PM in Bethany Hall**

**April 21 - NO Youth Group Easter Sunday**

**April 28 - 6:30-8:30 PM Movie Night in Theater Room**

## Caring for Creation Sunday

On April 28, we at Calvary will observe the final day of Earth Day week, by lifting up our Christian calling to be good stewards of God's creation. During Easter, we celebrate that our risen Lord's presence of new life also extends to all of creation. In 2 Peter 3:13 we read: "But in accordance with his promise. We wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home."

Our ELCA has recently entered into a collaboration with Eco America and its "Blessed Tomorrow" program. Which helps faith based organizations address the moral, religious and justice issues surrounding climate change. In conjunction with this commitment to caring for creation, our ELCA has produced a video, "God's work. Our Hands. Caring for Creation Today." The video explores our Lutheran grounding for and prioritizing of creation care and encourages ongoing dialogue and activity. Our SWMN Synod has also embraced this call to care for creation by forming an "Eco Faith Network" to encourage each conference and congregations in our Synod to address the issues of climate change and the delegation of our planet's air, earth and water. In 2018, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton wrote: "The present moment is a critical and urgent one, filled with both challenge and opportunity to act as individuals, citizens, leaders and communities of faith in solidarity with God's good creation and in hope for our shared future."

On Sunday, April 28, we will lift up our calling to care for God's creation at our worship services and at Adult Forum.



- Pastor Ron Hanson





Every Easter, Calvary likes to fill the Sanctuary with flowers, provided in honor and in memory of your loved ones. You're invited to purchase plants for \$10/plant to express your love and appreciation. Order forms are available at the church office and in the Friendship Registries located at the end of each pew. Please have your forms submitted to Rachel in the office by Sunday, April 7. Thank you!

<b>7</b>	10:15 AM Amy Haney
<b>14</b>	8:00 AM Calvary Choir
<b>14</b>	10:15 AM Calvary Bells
<b>21</b>	7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Tvette Family, Calvary Choir and Brass
<b>28</b>	10:15 AM OneAccord

## April Community Meal

Sunday, April 28, 2019

6:00 PM

Bethany Hall

The meal will be served by Calvary's Summer Youth trip attendees. **Menu:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, lettuce salad, and iced cream sandwich.



## Not Through Yet

**Date:** April 5, from 12:00-2:00 PM in Bethany Hall, lunch is served at Noon.

**RSVP:** Please call or stop by the church office by **Wednesday, April 3.** (235-2508)

**NTY:** A group that claim to be at least 50 years old! **ALL** are welcome to attend, no joining required, come when you can!

**Cost:** \$6.00

**Program:** This month's program will feature our Lead Pastor Tim Malek. If you plan to attend, please wear your Calvary name tag. Sign up at the church office or call 235-2508 by Wednesday, April 3!

## Circle Chair Meeting

Monday, April 1, 2019

10:00 AM in the Conference Room.



## Weekday Adult Education

### Tuesday | 8:00 AM

Men's Bible Study  
All men are invited to join,  
meet in Bethany Hall.

### Wednesday | 9:00 AM

Beliveau Bible Study  
All women are welcome to join  
the ladies and leader Annette  
Beliveau in the Friendship Room.

### Thursday | 9:30 AM

Worship Text Bible Study  
Everyone is invited to focus on  
the Bible texts that will be read  
and proclaimed the following  
Sunday.

## Circle Bible Study

First Tuesday of the Month  
Various circle groups meet.  
Please let your hostess know if  
you are unable to attend.

### Tuesday, April 2, 2019

#### Hope Circle

8:00 AM - McMillan's

#### Humility Circle

8:30 AM - Friendship Room

#### Joy Circle

9:30 AM - Bethany Hall

#### Peace Circle

9:30 AM - McMillan's

#### Good Faith Circle

1:00 PM - Bethany Hall

#### Charity Circle

7:00 PM - Debbie Johnson's

## Our Parish Leadership

**President** Brett Aamot  
**Vice President** Mike Haugsby  
**Secretary** Val Amberg

## Our Parish Staff



<b>Lead Pastor</b> Tim Malek	<a href="mailto:pastortimmalek@calvarywillmar.org">pastortimmalek@calvarywillmar.org</a>
<b>Pastor</b> Naomi Mahler	<a href="mailto:pastornaomi@calvarywillmar.org">pastornaomi@calvarywillmar.org</a>
<b>Pastor</b> Dean Johnson	<a href="mailto:pastordean@calvarywillmar.org">pastordean@calvarywillmar.org</a>
<b>Director of Music Ministry</b> Dr. David Severtson	<a href="mailto:david@calvarywillmar.org">david@calvarywillmar.org</a>
<b>Faith Formation Coordinator</b> Zachary Erickson	<a href="mailto:zachary@calvarywillmar.org">zachary@calvarywillmar.org</a>
<b>Faith Formation Coordinator</b> Janel Skindellen	<a href="mailto:janel@calvarywillmar.org">janel@calvarywillmar.org</a>
<b>Office Manager</b> Dawn Fisch	<a href="mailto:dawn@calvarywillmar.org">dawn@calvarywillmar.org</a>
<b>Communication Specialist</b> Rachel Gilbertson	<a href="mailto:rachel@calvarywillmar.org">rachel@calvarywillmar.org</a>
<b>Treasurer</b> Keith Neumann	<a href="mailto:keithn@calvarywillmar.org">keithn@calvarywillmar.org</a>
Calvary Library	<a href="mailto:library@calvarywillmar.org">library@calvarywillmar.org</a>
<b>Cemetery Sexton</b> Ron Keith	<a href="mailto:ronbon@charter.net">ronbon@charter.net</a>
<b>Kitchen Coordinator</b> Enola Dowdell	

## Remarks from the President ...

Your 2019 Church Council is excited to serve Calvary Lutheran Church, and to provide leadership for our congregation as we face many opportunities & challenges.

At the recent March 12, 2019 council meeting, we discussed plans for restructuring our meetings, to allow more time to discuss important issues, and to develop action plans for helping our church flourish in these changing times.



Brett Aamot

***If you have a topic for our consideration, please contact me—or any other council member—with your ideas, concerns, or observations. I can be reached by phone at 320-894-7782, or by email at [baamot@cdscpa.com](mailto:baamot@cdscpa.com).***

We welcome your feedback and input as we help guide the future direction of our church.

Thank You!

## Calvary - YMCA Childcare Partnership Taskforce

The Calvary Church Council is exploring the possibility of forming a partnership between Calvary and the YMCA Childcare. The YMCA would like to expand its current childcare offerings at the county building to include a couple of other sites in the county. Calvary could potentially be one of these sites. The YMCA would take care of the programming part and Calvary would be a host, offering up space in the lower level of our current education wing. This is an opportunity to serve an urgent need in our area for more childcare, especially for infants and toddlers.



The Executive Committee has recruited members to form a taskforce to explore more deeply what would be involved in such a partnership including potential costs and renovations. They had their first meeting on March 15. Members of the taskforce are Tom Gilbertson, Lori Holmgren, Larry Rice, Laura Warne, Brandon Zumwalt and Pastor Naomi Mahler.



*"Lord, open our eyes to the needs of those You place in our lives; give us willing and cheerful hearts to serve, knowing that as we do, You are serving them through us. Amen." (Tuesday May 21-Portals of Prayer)*

Thank You to everyone who has signed up to help us Host the homeless at Calvary. **Our next host week begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday (April 14-21).**

If you have not signed up yet, please consider your ability to help out. Feel free to try a change in the type of volunteer post you sign up for. Talk to others who have volunteered. It is easy. Even the overnights! On Sunday mornings, there are sign up tables set up in the Narthex, please stop by to chat with us, or feel free to contact us!  
Roger Bengtson - (320) 905-1762; email: [northwatch@charter.net](mailto:northwatch@charter.net) ;  
Joni Hanson - (320) 220-1324; email: [joanhanson122@gmail.com](mailto:joanhanson122@gmail.com).

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)*

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**General Fund Treasurer's Report**  
**Modified Cash Basis**  
**One Month and Two Months Ended February 28, 2019**

	<u>One Month Ended</u>	<u>Two Months Ended</u>
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ (30,980.12)	\$ (24,320.42)
CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	55,222.72	116,876.19
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	2,346.00	5,252.00
CONFIRMATION MEAL INCOME	170.00	737.00
THRIVENT CHOICE	1,881.00	1,996.00
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS	355.00	395.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	-	75.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	62.25	157.25
	<u>60,036.97</u>	<u>125,488.44</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	-	73.50
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	-	100.00
	<u>-</u>	<u>173.50</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	60,036.97	125,661.94
EXPENSES		
BENEVOLENCE	5,892.26	11,687.59
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	8,294.61	16,083.43
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	605.45	605.45
EDUCATION	5,404.11	10,102.51
YOUTH	6,455.44	11,566.74
LIBRARY	79.29	157.04
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	16,441.49	28,983.08
ADMINISTRATION	37,226.39	73,324.37
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	-	173.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>80,399.04</u>	<u>152,683.71</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	(20,362.07)	(27,021.77)
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ (51,342.19)</u>	<u>\$ (51,342.19)</u>



***Calvary Lutheran Church***

302 Olena Avenue SE

Willmar, MN 56201

(320) 235-2508

[www.calvarywillmar.org](http://www.calvarywillmar.org)

**Return Service Requested**

Non-Profit Organization  
Willmar, Minnesota  
U.S. Postage Paid Presort  
Permit No. 392



**2019 WELCA Spring Gathering**

**Lakeland Conference Women of the ELCA  
Spring Gathering**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

**Kerkhoven Lutheran Church**



**Theme: "Laughter & Joy"**

**Speaker: Mari Henriksen from Archo, MN**

**Cost: \$10.00 (includes noon lunch)**

**9:00 AM - Registration and Refreshments**

**9:30 AM - Gathering Begins**

**Make checks payable to: Lakeland Conference  
Mail to: Laurie Rothers - 20181 County Road 8, Glenwood, MN 56334**