

The Messenger

A monthly publication for Calvary Lutheran Church
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May 2019

Together in Christ

Empowered to Be
and Make Disciples

Come Worship With Us

Wednesday

5:00 PM - Calvary C.A.F.E. Meal

6:00 PM - Communion Worship

6:35 PM - All Ages Education
& Confirmation

Saturday

5:30 PM - Chapel Worship

Sunday

8:00 AM - First Word Worship

9:05 AM - Education for All



Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend
Sunday, May 26

Saturday

5:30 PM - Chapel Worship

Sunday

8:00 AM - First Word Worship

9:05 AM - Coffee Fellowship

9:45 AM - Foundation & Praise Worship

Summer Worship will continue through
Labor Day weekend.

An Important Conversation

Recently, I had an important conversation with the Calvary Women's Circle Bible Study Chairs. I was invited to join the conversation about Calvary's traditional Advent Festival that is scheduled to happen this December.

To continue the tradition of Advent Festival, we need leadership from at least two co-chairs, as well as help coordinating music, performances, kitchen volunteers as well as organization of other volunteer positions such as serving and decorating. There is a lot of volunteer power that is needed! Many of the people in the past, who have taken the lead in the planning of this festival, are no longer feeling up to the task. So, it appears that this tradition may be at a crossroads.

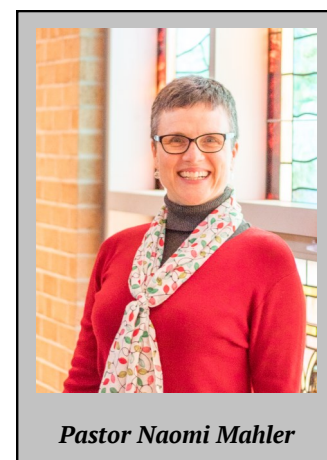
As a group we discussed what to do. Should the Festival be shortened and less done in terms of decorating, should another push be made to find those co-chair volunteers, or has the event reached its end?

We talked about how hard it is to see traditions go to bed and how some events have a life cycle of their own. We celebrated that we still have a strong tradition of the Little Norwegian Christmas Eve Service along with the goodies and treats we enjoy after that.

We also discussed the things that we want to hang on to from the festival. The purpose of sharing the story of Christ's birth through music and experiential learning and inviting the community to participate is central. Most agreed the favorite parts of the Advent Festival are the music, craft room and the punch, coffee and treats that are served. We began to talk about ways we could preserve those specific traditions of the Advent festival and reinvent them. Could we enjoy some other Advent or Christmas event that would bring together those elements in a new way? Some ideas started to pop up and at the end of the meeting we agreed to a couple of things.

1. Before we think about a new event, we would like ask one more time, through this article, if there are a couple of people who are interested co-chairing the Festival this year? If you feel called to lead, please talk to Pastor Naomi.
2. If no one steps forward, we will look forward to the future. We will then begin planning for something different. We are grateful for what this ministry in our congregation has been and excited about how our faith and our traditions might bear fruit in something new in the years to come.

Please feel free to speak with any of us pastors or one of the Circle Chairs if you want to share any questions and concerns. We are open to hearing from you.



Pastor Naomi Mahler

- Pastor Naomi Mahler



Wacky Water Friday

WHAT: Water and Fun for kids in Grades 3-5

WHEN: Friday, May 10 from 6:00-8:30 PM

WHERE: Meet at the Willmar Middle School pool, pick up at Calvary.

COST: \$10 per person

This event is sponsored by Willmar Area Church's (Catholic & Lutheran).

Friends are Welcome! Pick up registration forms outside Janel's office. **Registrations due to Janel by Wednesday, May 8!**



A very sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to all those who so generously shared their time and gifts with Calvary's children as teachers, helpers and song leaders in our Sunday School program this year!

They are: Jaime and Nate Hultgren, Elissa and Corey Nelson, Kaylee Jahraus, Cloey Adams, Julia Severtson, Erica Mathews, Amber Hagemeyer, Kelly O'Farrell and Brad Pederson, Grace Lynum, Stacey Hillerud, Mady Spencer, Brenda Bergman, Anna Rice, Ashley Johnson, Jaime Larson, Sofia Lynum, Jennifer Halvorson, Abby Teisinger, Abigail Mathiasen, Ali Dirksen, Linda Mathiasen, Lisa Christianson, Zachary Erickson, Mandy Severtson and David Severtson.

May God richly bless each of you!

Early Childhood Family Sunday School

Sunday, May 5 | 9:05-10:05 AM

Meet in the Youth Room (1st floor of the ed. wing). For parents and children who are 3 years and younger. This month's story is "Creation." This will be our last class time for this school year.

ALL are welcome!

Sunday School & 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, May 5. Together we have raised over \$800! Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Family Sunday School

Sunday, May 19 | 9:05-10:05 AM

All families are invited to meet in Bethany Hall and celebrate our last day of Sunday School for this faith formation year.

Singing In Worship

May 19 | 10:15 AM

All Sunday school children will sing during the 10:15 AM Worship Service.



Calvary at CAMP

Willmar Community Day Camp

It's not too late to sign up! This year Bethel, Calvary & Vinje are doing Day Camp (VBS) together with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries!

WHO: For ALL Kids who have completed 3 year old Sunday School—Grade 5.

WHEN: June 10-13; 8:00 AM-4:00 PM for kids K-5 and 8:00 AM-12:30 PM (with additional child care options until 4 PM) for Pre-School.

WHERE: Everyone meets at Vinje Lutheran Church. Kids K-5 will be bused to Shores of St. Andrew. Kids in Pre-School will stay at Vinje.

COST: \$30/child for all kids. Cost includes lunch, transportation to and from camp, and the additional child care option. Remember to use the discount code to get the discount!

HOW DO I REGISTER? Pre-School kids register at <http://bit.ly/2WnXyFI> Kids in K-5 register through GLLM at <http://gllm.campbrainregistration.com/>

Registration deadline is May 6!

2019 Summer Bible Camp

Have you signed up for Bible Camp yet? 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! **Limited space is available for this week, but you can still sign up for another week!** For more information check out the GLLM website (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.

High School Youth Group

May 5 - 6:30-8:30 PM in
Bethany Hall

May 12 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Movie Night in
Theater Room

May 19 - 6:30-8:30 PM
50's Drive-In
Planning &
Family Game
Night in the
Friendship
Room

Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 26

9:05 AM - Join us in Bethany Hall for a reception where we will enjoy rolls, coffee and honor Calvary's 2019 graduating seniors.

9:45 AM - Graduates will be honored during Worship.

We're Looking for Chaperones!

We are looking for adults to chaperone on our summer houseboat trip, **July 14-19, 2019!** You can pick up an application by Zachary's office or from the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Zachary at (715) 931-7105 or email: zachary@calvarywillmar.org. Please have applications in to Zachary by Sunday, May 12.

Confirmation Parents Meeting

Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 PM

All parents of current Confirmation students (7-9 grade) are invited to attend an evaluation meeting about Calvary's Confirmation programming. Pastor Naomi would like to meet with you to get feedback about this past year as well as to hear your thoughts about potential new ideas going forward. Please plan on attending, as your input is important and will help shape next year's programming. Meet in Bethany Hall or come early and join us for Worship at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

New Member Class

Our next New Member class will be held Sunday, May 5 at 9:05 AM (between services in the Chapel). Please call Pastor Tim Malek if you are interested in attending or interested, but unable to attend on that date. We will receive new members on May 19, at the 10:15 AM Worship service.



Cemetery Clean-Up
Night

Cemetery Clean-Up

Congregation Members are invited to participate with Confirmation Youth in their annual Cemetery Clean-Up on Wednesday May 22 from 6:00-7:30 PM, at the Calvary Cemetery (2401 Gorton Ave NW, Willmar). Please bring a rake and work gloves. Pizza will be provided following the clean-up!



COME CELEBRATE!

Thank you to Sandi Bennett for her many years of serving as Calvary's Librarian. The Library was started by Rachel Spencer and Sandi has served as librarian since 1992. To honor her retirement we will be hosting a cake reception in the Friendship Room on May 5, during the first half of the 9:05 AM education hour. If you wish to honor Sandi, we invite you to make a special gift to the Library Book Fund in her honor or stop by the library to say thanks!



The Grief Care Support Group will meet Monday's at 5:15 PM in the Friendship Room. May 20 will be the last meeting before summer. The last meeting will be a Pot Luck Dinner and Memorial Candle Lighting. For more information, please call Pastor Dean at 235-2508.

NTY: Not Through Yet

DATE: May 3, starting at 11:30 AM in Bethany Hall.

RSVP: Please call or stop by the church office by **Wednesday, May 1.** (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, we will be joined by Aaron Backman. Aaron is the Executive Director of the Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar Economic Development Commission.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27, 2019

We honor the memory of service members and their families who have sacrificed to protect the freedom we enjoy.

May Community Meal

Sunday, May 19, 2019

6:00 PM

Bethany Hall

The meal will be served by Tripolis and Ebenezer.

Menu: Sloppy joes, mac & cheese, pickle spear and dessert.

thank you

My sincere thanks to everyone at Calvary for your prayers and for your wishes for a speedy recovery while I was a patient at Rice Hospital and recuperating at home. I also want to extend my appreciation and thanks to Pastor Malek and Pastor Naomi for visiting and praying for me and my family.

—Maxine Welch

I am a resident of Bethesda Grand. One of the highlights of my month is when the ladies from Calvary come to visit and bring the bulletin and a flower. It means so much. Thank you!

—Marlene Brown

MAY SPECIAL MUSIC

- 05** 8:00 AM Pastor Naomi & Calvary Choir
10:15 AM Pastor Naomi
- 11** 5:30 PM Lauren Severtson
- 12** 8:00 AM Calvary Choir
10:15 AM Lauren Severtson
- 19** 8:00 AM Calvary Choir
- 26** 9:45 AM Senior Musicians

We are looking for a NEW Librarian!

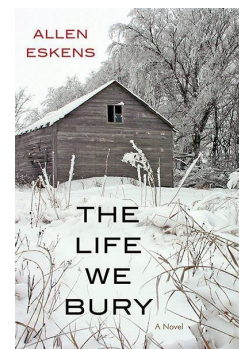
Qualified individuals must be organized, be a forward thinker, have the desire to help people of all ages grow in their faith and develop the love of reading. If interested, please contact Pastor Naomi or Janel.



Calvary's Book Club:

A Place to Belong & Thrive

May's book will be "The Life We Bury" – by Minnesotan author, Allen Eskens. *A mystery novel about a young college student whose assignment in a biography class leads him to investigate a thirty year-old murder. He finds inconsistencies in the case and realizes the convicted murderer may have been wrongfully accused. This engaging narrative explores the concepts of justice, honesty, and responsibility as Joe seeks to uncover the truth hidden in the past.*



Our next meeting will be Monday, May 6 at 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room. The group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. We will read through chapter 27 for our May 6 meeting.

Everyone is welcome! Join us when it fits your schedule. If you have questions or would like to be added to our Facebook group please contact Sara Bennett (320) 444-3769 or email: sarabennett26@gmail.com

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, May 7, 2019

Hope Circle

8:00 AM - McMillan's

Humility Circle

8:30 AM - Friendship Room

Joy Circle

9:30 AM - Barb Torkelson's

Peace Circle

9:30 AM - McMillan's

Good Faith Circle

1:00 PM - Bethany Hall

Charity Circle

7:00 PM - Darlene Damhof's

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Remarks from the President...

At our April Church Council meeting, with **every** council member in attendance, we spent a good portion of our time discussing the ways that council members believe Calvary can be the most meaningful and impactful for our parishioners and for our community, in the next couple years.

One of the most notable takeaways from our discussion centered on the value of developing relationships with our fellow Calvary members. Many council members elaborated on the importance of having special connections with other parishioners, and the positive influence those friendships have on their faith experiences at Calvary.

I was especially interested in comments from our younger council members, who explained how important it is for them and their young families to have connections and interactions with other members. They want to feel welcomed and appreciated, and to receive affirmation that Calvary and its members are excited to include them and their ideas in formulating our church's future.

So, please make the time and effort to connect with our young families, and help enrich their faith experiences at Calvary. Make them feel welcome, and get to know them...they are the key to our future!



Brett Aamot

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH...

Let's talk about it

Anyone who experiences anxiety, depression or other mental illness knows, it's not "all in your head." These experiences can affect many aspects of life. Mood, energy, appetite, sleep, relationships with others, ability to function at work/school, even physical health can be affected. People experiencing mental health conditions often face rejection, bullying and even discrimination. Navigating life with mental illness can be tough and can make life's journey more difficult.

Let's look at some Mental Health facts:

- 1 in 5 adults in the United States lives with a mental health condition.
- Half of all lifetime mental health conditions begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24.
- 60 million people in the United States face the day-to-day reality of living with a mental illness.
- 90% of those who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the US, but suicide is preventable.

HELP IS AVAILABLE 24/7 – ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!

Crisis Line: 1-800-432-8781

Local: 1-320-235-4613

www.woodlandcenters.com

Mental health problems are common and fortunately, most are treatable. Brochures are available with more information in the Narthex racks.

-Social Concerns Committee



'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matt 25:40

Calvary hosted three adults and five children during the week of April 14-21. We are so grateful to the Board of Outreach who assisted at the sign-up table prior to our Host Week. Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the week, sharing your time, talents and food with these families. Our next host week is July 7-14. Please consider volunteering! There are now 13 Host churches. First Covenant Church in Willmar is the newest church to join the ministry this summer. This recommended number of Host Churches makes it possible for each church to host four times a year, starting in 2020. Mark your calendar for an upcoming coordinator and volunteer training, offered by Kandiyohi County Family Promise. This will be held May 20 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Bremer Bank. Rick Loseth will be speaking about 'Boundaries,' offering guidelines and education to coordinators and volunteers. A light lunch will be provided at 5:45 PM. If interested, contact Roger Bengtson at (320) 905-1762 or Joan Hanson at (320) 220-1324, by May 13. We need to know how many people from Calvary plan to attend. This will be helpful for anyone volunteering, especially when children are involved.

2019 Camp House Family Get-Away

Join us **July 31-Aug. 4** for a relaxing time by the North Shore at Camp House in Brimson, MN. There will be lots of great things to do, all optional! Come to relax! On-site activities include: Swimming; fishing; boating (kayaks, canoes, paddle boards), crafts, nature walks, playground, tennis courts, volleyball and board-games. Potential off-site activities: Gooseberry Falls and other North Shore activities, Duluth, Two Harbors and Ely attractions. Two options for lodging: CABINS-Rustic, but comfy. Toilets and showers are in a bathhouse on site or **BRING YOUR CAMPER/TENT**- Limited hook-ups available. Cost for all 4 days (costs can be prorated for a shorter stay).

Cabin: \$210/cabin (sleeps 4-12)

Camper/Tent: \$100/family

Meals: The cost of meals for all four days is \$75/adult and \$38/child.

Off-site activities may have additional costs.



Scholarships and first timer discount available. Questions or to register? Talk to Pastor Naomi (235-2508) or pastornaomi@calvarywillmar.org

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
General Fund Treasurer's Report
Modified Cash Basis
One Month and Year To Date Ended March 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019		2018	
	One Month Ended	Year to Date	One Month Ended	Year to Date
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ (51,342.19)	\$ (24,320.42)	\$ 53,362.16	\$ 60,585.77
CONTRIBUTIONS				
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS				
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	68,541.09	185,417.28	50,000.55	189,134.80
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	-	-	351.00	476.00
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	5,227.50	10,479.50	4,096.00	13,029.00
CONFIRMATION MEAL INCOME	1,455.60	2,192.60		
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	-	-		75.00
THRIVENT CHOICE		1,996.00		
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS		395.00	385.00	5,333.97
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS	10.00	10.00		
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	100.00	100.00	-	250.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	300.00	375.00	75.00	150.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	80.50	237.75	76.00	219.61
	<u>75,714.69</u>	<u>201,203.13</u>	<u>54,983.55</u>	<u>208,668.38</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS				
LENTEN OFFERINGS	5,718.52	5,718.52	6,131.25	10,910.68
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	38.45	111.95	22.76	138.61
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	986.50	1,086.50	1,058.00	2,889.31
THRIVENT CHOICE			75.00	619.00
	<u>6,743.47</u>	<u>6,916.97</u>	<u>7,287.01</u>	<u>14,557.60</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	82,458.16	208,120.10	62,270.56	223,225.98
EXPENSES				
BENEVOLENCE	6,854.09	18,541.68	5,000.06	18,913.50
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	7,904.29	23,987.72	8,057.10	24,125.36
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	333.56	939.01	244.80	1,379.85
EDUCATION	4,544.97	14,647.48	4,404.12	14,283.98
YOUTH	5,560.21	17,126.95	14,098.58	28,519.21
LIBRARY	79.29	236.33	464.45	619.94
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	10,623.25	39,606.33	11,017.76	31,019.74
ADMINISTRATION	33,473.70	106,798.07	34,610.92	120,126.78
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	6,743.47	6,916.97	9,016.14	14,557.60
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSE	-	-	(1,547.00)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	76,116.83	228,800.54	85,366.93	253,545.96
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	6,341.33	(20,680.44)	(23,096.37)	(30,319.98)
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ (45,000.86)</u>	<u>\$ (45,000.86)</u>	<u>\$ 30,265.79</u>	<u>\$ 30,265.79</u>



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