

The Messenger

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Together in Christ

Empowered to Be
and Make Disciples



Come Worship With Us

Summer Worship Schedule

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.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Friday, July 19, 2019

Bill Taunton Stadium

4:00-10:30 PM

Faith Seeking Understanding

Summer will be here soon, are you looking forward to getting active outdoors again? Are you looking forward to knocking some rust off the golf swing, building endurance for hiking in the parks, honing your gardening skills or practicing some other physical skill or discipline? Whatever your sport, hobby or activity, I hope you find meaningful ways to live healthy, active lives while enjoying God's beautiful creation. What about your spiritual fitness? Summer time is a great time to attend to that as well. Several years ago the ELCA unveil an emphasis entitled "Call to Discipleship." It was designed to rally and strengthen our identity as a faith-centered people of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. I thought it might be helpful to once again visit "Call to Discipleship" and its core of "Seven basic faith practices" which can help us hone our spiritual disciplines.



Pastor Tim Malek

SEVEN BASIC FAITH PRACTICES

1. **Pray** - Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).
2. **Study** - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).
3. **Worship** - I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together (Psalm 34:1-3).
4. **Invite** - But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15)
5. **Encourage** - Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action (1 John 3:18).
6. **Serve** - For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).
7. **Give** - "...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Luke 6:38).

Let's all try to stretch our spiritual muscles and make this summer a season of growth in faith. Are there one or two items on this list of seven that are obviously "weak" in your life right now? Commit to improving; pray daily, read the Bible daily, attend church weekly and invite someone to join you, look for ways to encourage others, volunteer to help out in one of our various ministries, and generously give back to God a tithe of what God first gave you. God blesses us in so many ways; let us respond in love and gratitude by becoming more active in our faith. O God, help us we pray, to become devoted disciples and active apostles. Amen.

*God bless your summer of faith,
Pastor Tim Malek*



Willmar Community Day Camp Kick-off Event

Day Camp families (from Bethel, Calvary and Vinje) are invited to come to our Day Camp Kick-off Event on **Sunday, June 9 from 3:00-6:00 PM at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp!** We will meet our camp counselors, play games, sing camp songs, eat hot dogs & S'mores and have lots of FUN!

2019 Summer Bible Camp

It's not too late to sign up for summer bible camp! Green Lake Lutheran Ministries summer schedules are available in the church office. 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.

2019 Camp House Family Get-Away

Join us **July 31-August 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.

LODGING OPTIONS:

1. Cabin- Rustic, but comfy. Toilets and showers are in a bathhouse on site.

2. Bring camper or 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? Call or E-mail Pastor Naomi (235-2508) or pastornaomi@calvarywillmar.org.



Sunday School Offering/Noisy Offering

A HUGE Thank You to all who helped us collect over \$1,150 for the Willmar Regional Cancer Center!! Since January, we've collected offering every week during Sunday School and held monthly Noisy Offerings during worship. Together, we are helping to make a difference in the lives of cancer patients! Thank You!

**Willmar Regional
Cancer Center**



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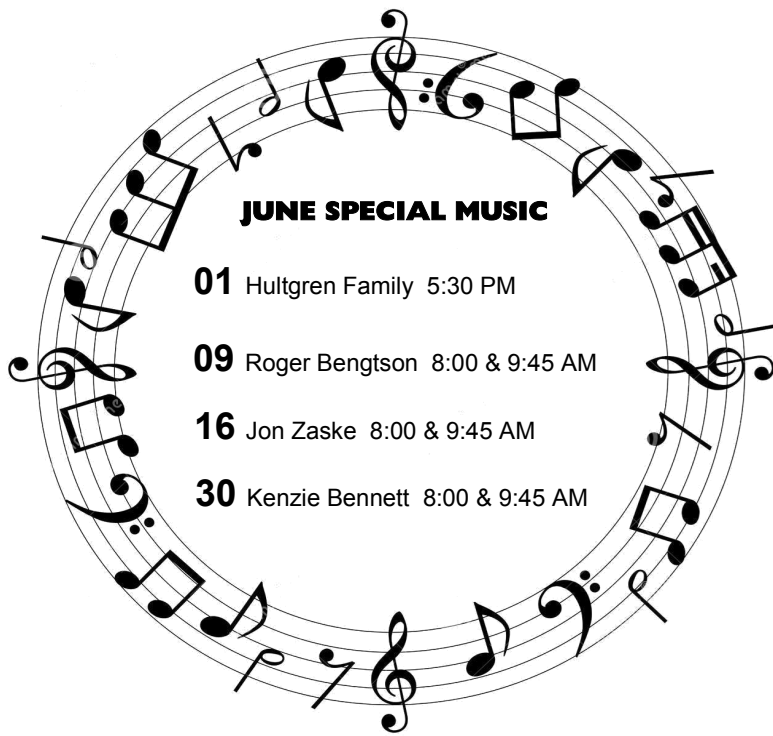
Calvary's 50's Drive-In

Join us for the annual 50's Drive-In on Sunday, June 30 from 4-7 PM. The event takes place in Calvary's parking lot. In the event of rain it will be in Bethany Hall!

Come enjoy 50's nostalgia, food and fun!

If you are interested in volunteering contact Pastor Naomi or Zachary!





The apostle Paul writes, *"I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need."*

Philippians 4:12

Calvary will be hosting homeless families **July 7-14**. What sparks you to become involved in this ministry? There are many positions which only involve you for an hour or two, and are very simple. "Many hands make light work." We need drivers, meal providers, evening hosts and overnight hosts. **All are welcome!**

We can link you to the Sign-Up Genius with your email, just call/text Roger Bengtson at 320-905-1762, or Joni Hanson at 320-220-1324. The Church office would be glad to sign you up as well! Calvary members are doing WONDERFUL things, add your SPARK!

-Family Promise

NTY: Not Through Yet

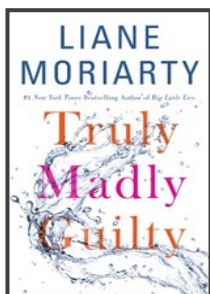
Date: June 7, 2019 from 12:00-2:00 PM. Lunch will be served at Noon.

RSVP: Please call or stop by the church office by **Wednesday, June 5.** (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 Calvary Member, Scott Glup. Scott is the Project Leader for the Litchfield Wetland Management District of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Litchfield WMD covers the Counties of Todd, Stearns, Wright, Meeker, McLeod, Renville and Kandiyohi.



Calvary's Book Club: A Place to Belong & Thrive

June's book will be "Truly Madly Guilty." A contemporary, Australian novel by Liane Moriarty about marriage, parenthood, and lifelong friendships. Clementine and Erika, who have been friends since childhood, are dealing with a

near-tragedy that has far-reaching repercussions. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 17 at 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room. We will read the whole book for our June 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 sarabennett26@gmail.com.

Community Meal Update

After careful consideration and gathering feedback from volunteers and congregants the Board of Outreach has decided to end the Community Meal Program. Sunday, May 19, 2019 was Calvary's last Community Meal. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the team captains, volunteers who have served meals and the pastors that have supported it throughout the years. It is hard to say good-bye to things but earlier, I heard a wise woman say, "When something ends, that means something else is beginning." The Board of Outreach plans to be intentional with re-routing the donations set aside for the Community Meal, to go to agencies and programs that help feed others.

*-Respectfully Submitted by Bridget Pederson,
Board of Outreach*

Congratulations!

Pastor Dean Johnson is completing two terms (12 years) on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. He will now become Regent Emeritus. Congratulations on a job well done Pastor Dean!



Introducing the Calvary PrayerGround

Background: The Calvary Council, at the May 14th meeting, unanimously endorsed the recommendation from the Children and Family Board to create a "Prayerground" in the Calvary Sanctuary. The following explains what a PrayerGround is and some of the rationale behind this project. If anyone has any questions or feedback about this project please see Pastor Naomi, Janel Skindelien or a Council Member.

What is a PrayerGround?

A PrayerGround is an area of the sanctuary specifically set aside for young children to quietly play during worship. It could consist of rugs, small tables with child-sized chairs and stools, coloring sheets, crayons, blocks, books, and soft toys, baby bouncers, Bumbo chairs, mats for rolling, etc.

Where will it go?

It will be located in the right rear of the sanctuary in the overhang area. This will not completely take over the overhang area, as we will still have rows of chairs on the left side and 2-3 rows in front of the PrayerGround on the right side.

When will it be launched?

We will have the PrayerGround in place by June 1. We will have an initial trial period for 6 months until the end of November for evaluation and feedback.

Why do we need a PrayerGround?

1. **Access to Worship** - One of our favorite ways to talk about the PrayerGround, is as an accessibility issue. We put in ramps, elevators and special sound systems so that everyone can easily access worship. This is a way to allow kids and families to more easily access worship. It makes a clear statement that we welcome children and their families in our most sacred of spaces.
2. **Learn to Love Worship** - How can you expect this if they aren't even present? When children are young is the perfect time to cultivate the love of worship (and CHURCH) into their little hearts. In the same manner that we teach the alphabet, how to tie shoes and how to use table manners, we are teaching them how to worship with us. We will help them learn how to sing hymns, pray, teach children when it is/is not appropriate to use noise, how to give peace & welcome, and SO much more!
3. **Inclusion of Young Families** – Those of you who have been, or currently are at this stage in life know that it can be isolating to have young children in church. It can feel much easier to just stay home some Sundays. It is our prayer that with including the PrayerGround as part of our worship service, young families will feel not only welcome but valued in our congregation. Perhaps a sense of fellowship among young families will emerge, and perhaps mom and dad will be able to actually listen to a sermon or two!

Credit & more information: www.karenwarejackson.com.

A Church in Apple Valley's website with great answers to common questions and some example photos of how they have set it up: <https://graceofav.org/prayerground/>



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
General Fund Treasurer's Report
Modified Cash Basis
One Month and Year To Date Ended April 30, 2019 and 2018

	2019		2018	
	One Month Ended	Year to Date	One Month Ended	Year to Date
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ (45,000.86)	\$ (24,320.42)	\$ 30,265.79	\$ 60,585.77
CONTRIBUTIONS				
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS				
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	66,195.35	251,612.63	66,654.50	257,789.30
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	-	-	150.00	626.00
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	3,049.00	13,528.50	5,501.50	18,530.50
CONFIRMATION MEAL INCOME	1,597.40	3,790.00		
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	5,215.00	5,215.00	4,730.00	4,805.00
THRIVENT CHOICE	411.00	2,407.00	-	
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS	220.00	615.00	-	5,333.97
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS	-	10.00	20.00	20.00
BICLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	20.00	20.00		
GRANT	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	-	# 100.00	-	250.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	-	375.00	75.00	225.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	122.75	360.50	64.00	283.61
	<u>76,830.50</u>	<u>278,033.63</u>	<u>80,195.00</u>	<u>288,863.38</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS				
LENTEN OFFERINGS	2,218.00	7,936.52	55.00	10,965.68
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	-	111.95		138.61
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	10.00	1,096.50	120.00	3,009.31
THRIVENT CHOICE			610.00	1,229.00
	<u>2,228.00</u>	<u>9,144.97</u>	<u>785.00</u>	<u>15,342.60</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>79,058.50</u>	<u>287,178.60</u>	<u>80,980.00</u>	<u>304,205.98</u>
EXPENSES				
BENEVOLENCE	6,619.54	25,161.22	6,865.45	25,778.95
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	9,770.18	33,757.90	9,045.23	33,170.59
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	231.50	1,170.51	274.05	1,653.90
EDUCATION	4,480.24	19,127.72	7,290.89	21,574.87
YOUTH	7,065.79	24,192.74	4,870.38	33,389.59
LIBRARY	79.30	315.63	77.75	697.69
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	12,565.10	52,171.43	11,803.00	42,822.74
ADMINISTRATION	35,204.14	142,002.21	37,821.73	157,946.51
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	2,228.00	9,144.97	785.00	15,342.60
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSE	-	-	-	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>78,243.79</u>	<u>307,044.33</u>	<u>78,833.48</u>	<u>332,379.44</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	814.71	(19,865.73)	2,146.52	(28,173.46)
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ (44,186.15)</u>	<u>\$ (44,186.15)</u>	<u>\$ 32,412.31</u>	<u>\$ 32,412.31</u>

Weekday Adult Education

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





During the summer months of June, July and August, Calvary's Circles will all meet together in Bethany Hall. Check the church calendar or call the church office for more information. All women are welcome! Circles will meet **Wednesday, June 5 at 9:30 AM!**



Our Parish Leadership

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Vice President Mike Haugsby
Secretary Val Amberg
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Remarks from the President...

During our **"Coffee with the Council"** forum on May 5, we heard many helpful and insightful comments and observations from Calvary members in attendance. One of the recommendations was a reminder for members of our congregation to use the "Ideas Box," located in the Narthex, to make recommendations to our church council and pastoral staff. You can participate anonymously or identify yourself.

Our Church Council invites your input and ideas for "Empowering us to be and make Disciples." In this era of rapid changes, your help is valuable as we formulate plans concerning our inward & outward ministries, programming, staffing, facilities, and stewardship. Many opportunities and challenges are on the horizon for Calvary Lutheran, and our church council is actively reviewing and evaluating various options and initiatives that can enhance our relevance in today's world and improve our congregation.

So, please feel free to offer your ideas to any members of our Church Council, via phone, email, in person, or by utilizing our "Ideas Box."



Brett Aamot



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