

The Messenger

A monthly publication for Calvary Lutheran Church
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August 2019

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE
AND MAKE DISCIPLES

Come Worship With Us

Saturday:

5:30 pm – Chapel Worship

Sunday:

8:00 am – First Word
Worship

9:00 am – Coffee/Fellowship
(Friendship Room)

9:45 am – Foundation &
Praise Worship



Sunday, August 4: 8:00 & 9:45 am
Emily Ashburn

Saturday, August 10: 5:30 pm
Megan Bloomquist

Sunday, August 11: 8:00 & 9:45 am
Julia Severtson

WALKING WET.....

We've had a lot of rain this summer, maybe too much, but summer rain brings back memories of how as a child I would love to go out and run around and play in the rain. We'd be walking around wet, stomping in puddles. A good memory.

This coming program year we hope to be walking around wet. Our theme is "Walking Wet." And our theme verse is based on 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith not by sight". We will focus being claimed as God's children in our baptism and how we live our faith as God's people.

A few years ago, the Youth and Family and the Children and Family Boards adopted some concrete outcomes for their work that grow out promises that are made in baptism. We want to lift these outcomes up as something for the whole congregation to practice.

Some of these outcomes may feel like growing edges, but we are excited to think about how living into these baptismal promises will help us all grow in faith in God and in relationships with one another. Growing in faith is never a finished product so these are not goals with an end, but more faith practices to work on for a lifetime. Our Faith Formation Programming will reflect opportunities to dive deeper into these practices:

- Know and be known by 5 people of a different generation within the congregation
- Regularly participate in worship
- Read and be able to navigate through the Bible
- Take personal ownership in their faith
- Be able to pray out loud
- Take part in service to/for/with ALL people



Pastor Naomi Mahler

"Walking wet" also means trusting in God's leading and guiding, so we are excited about where we feel God is guiding our Wednesday night programming for the coming year. Last year we started a Wednesday night worship service. This year, after getting a variety of feedback we will be starting what is called "Dinner Church".

Dinner church is just what it sounds like – church and dinner together. Dinner church is rooted in ancient traditions from the early church. This will take place in Bethany Hall, starting at 6pm. We will sit and eat together, read scripture and discuss what it means for us, pray and share in communion. This is a form of worship that is being tried out in many churches across the country. Dinner church is meant to be a very relaxed and welcoming worship experience, so you can come right from work, or the gym, or from just picking up the kids from daycare. Keep watch for more information about this "holy experiment" coming in September!

Looking forward to having fun walking wet together!

Pastor Naomi

THE MESSENGER:



Registration for Sunday School 2019-2020

- † For ages 3 years (by Sept. 1st) through Gr. 6
- † Registration forms available at the Church Office and at Calvary website (calvarywillmar.org).
- † New forms need to be filled out each year in case of changes.
- † Please register your children by September 1st!
- † **The first day of Sunday School is Sept. 15th**



Help Wanted: People With a Heart for Kids

We are currently seeking individuals willing to be Sunday School teachers. We also are seeking youth (7th grade or older) that want to be a classroom helper. If you enjoy working with children and want to teach or help with a group of children in a classroom setting, please call Janel Skindeliem @235-2508 or email her at

janel@calvarywillmar.org.

**Rally Day! - God's Work Our Hands
September 8**



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Mark your calendars! ALL ages are invited to gather together to reconnect and to do service together at Calvary and in the Community! Come to Worship either before or after our time of Service and then stay for a meal and fellowship. Here's the schedule:

- 8:00-8:30 am Worship in the sanctuary
- 8:45-10:15 am Community/Calvary Service Projects
- 10:30-11:00 am Worship in Bethany Hall
- 11:00-12:00 pm Picnic Meal in Bethany Hall

We hope you will join us. Look for more information in the September *Messenger!*

2019 Calvary Confirmation

Welcome Confirmation students! We have an exciting year planned-here are some dates you need to know and mark on your calendar.

- Wednesday, September 4 - 10th Grade Confirmation Starts
- Sunday, September 8th - 7th-9th Grade Confirmation Kick-off, 3:30 pm, at Shores of St Andrew Bible Camp
- Wednesday, September 11 - First night of programming 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 25 - Collaborative Confirmation at GLBC
- Thursday, October 17 - Field Trip during the day for 7th-9th Graders
- Thursday, October 27 - Confirmation Sunday for 10th Graders

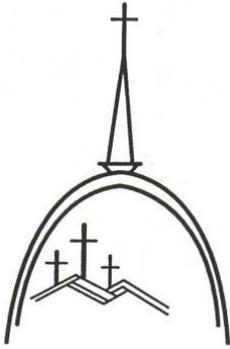
Our Wednesday schedule this year begins at 6:00 pm. There will be a "Dinner Church" and confirmation students will be expected to come and take part of this. The evening will end at 8:00 pm. There will be optional programming beginning at 5:15 pm that confirmation students can attend as well.



**Back-to-School
Blessing September 1**

Start off the school year right with a Back-to-School blessing! All children are invited to come, bring their backpacks and receive a blessing at our 9:45 am worship service!

THE MESSENGER:



Calvary LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

General Fund Treas. Report	2019 June Ending	2019 YTD Total	June Ending Budget Compar- ison	2018 June Ending	2018 YTD Total	2017 June Ending	2017 YTD Total
Total Contribu- tions	\$52,435.44	\$391,216.50	(42,244.06)	\$56,854.46	\$410,349.15	\$66,701.21	\$443,931.91
Total Expenses	\$75,339.10	\$451,792.36	\$10,060.34	\$74,735.72	\$477,847.66	\$75,433.44	\$418,839.46
Contribution Deficit/Surplus	(\$22,903.66)	(\$60,575.86)		(\$17,881.26)	(\$67,498.51)	(\$8,732.23)	\$25,092.45
Avg. Weekly Attendance for June	352			331		363	

Calvary Lutheran Church
Parishioners Executive Financial Summary
June 2019

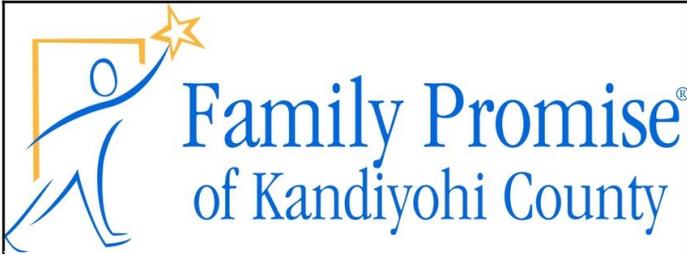
The following explanations supplement the church's monthly financial reports, and are intended to provide a brief & simplified overview of financial activity.

June 2019 reported slightly less income and a small increase in expenses compared to June 2018.

Income & Expenses -- General Fund Offerings and other income totaled \$52,435 for June 2019, compared to \$56,854 for June 2018, a decrease of (7.8%).

Expenses for June 2019 were \$75,339, compared to \$74,736 last year, for an increase in expenses of 0.8%. Expenses by category were very comparable to the prior year.

Our monthly June deficit for 2019 was \$(22,904), compared to \$(17,881) last year.



Calvary's Family Promise

July 7th was our host week and we are so thankful for everyone who helped make the week a success. There were two families that started the week: a mother with a 14 year old son and a 3 year old daughter and a mother with a three year old daughter and a 2 year old son. On Wednesday the family with the 3 year old and 2 year old moved into an apartment to begin a new journey in their lives.

Kandiyohi County Family Promise has changed Staff during July. Heidi Kohls, the Case Manager and acting Director, who has been working with Family Promise almost from its beginning, resigned. Nate Erickson, the Development Director, resigned to take on more responsibilities with his Salvation Army position.

There are two new individuals who have joined the office: Nancy Howley was hired as the Director, working three days a week. She has a degree in Businesses Administration with an Accounting background. Her first day was July 8th, and her organizational skills and experience will strengthen Family Promise as an organization. The second individual hired is Rebecca Lundeen, who has a degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis on victim advocacy. She also has had special training as a Trauma Informed Advocate through the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center. Rebecca started July 23 as the Case Manager, working directly with our Guests to help them with a new beginning in their lives. Please welcome them and thank them for helping to make Family Promise a stronger organization. They are both looking forward to meeting all of you.

Calvary will be hosting again the week of September 29, so please mark your calendars and watch for the sign up genius to help with this host week!!



BOY SCOUTS

Scouting is Outing or so the saying goes. The scouts have been very active this summer and are looking forward to another good year once school returns. We had 26 scouts and 6 adults attend Many Point Scout Camp this July. We have 14 adults and scouts going to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM to back pack at the high adventure base. We also have a crew of scouts canoeing in the BWCAW later this summer. Scouting is for the whole family. This year, girls are now able to join and Calvary has a girl troop up and running. Anyone interested in joining our troop and getting information about scouts, please contact David Bobzien or Joel Halbritter and we will connect you with the correct persons for your child's age group. Cub Scouts start in elementary school and scouts at age 11 or sixth grade. Come explore all scouting can give to you.

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Check out Calvary's web site at www.calvarywillmar.org

NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

DATE: AUGUST 2, 2019 from 12-2 in Bethany Hall, lunch is served at Noon.

NTY: A group that claims to be at least 50 years old. No joining required - come when you can!

RSVP: Please call (235-2508) or stop by the church office by Thursday, August 1.

COST: \$6.00

PROGRAM: Pastor Dan Bowman from the Hawk Creek Lutheran Church will be speaking and demonstrating on Lefse Ministry!



SOCIAL CONCERNS

With fall approaching, please watch for the Personal Needs Drive to begin in mid-August. The bin will be available for donations across from the Welcome Center. Items needed are for adults and

children and include shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, Kleenex, lotions, hygiene & cleaning products, diapers, etc.

Donations should be new and individually wrapped. Sample size items are ok and monetary donations can be turned into the office with your checks made out to Calvary.

The Salvation Army will distribute the items to those in need. Let's fill the bin!

Thank you for your generosity! The Social Concerns Committee



GRIEF CARE RESUMES! 5:15pm Monday September 9th

Whether it is a death or divorce or some other kind of loss, you are invited to join this group to find a safe place to work through your grief. Pastor Dean facilitates this support group. Please contact him for more information. 320-235-2508.



Widow Alert!

Are you are a widow and looking for a social evening out? Contact Donna Gilbertson at 235-1145 or Lois Fostervold at 235-3639. Our next get together is Friday, August 9th at 5:30 pm at McMillan's.

Give us a call!



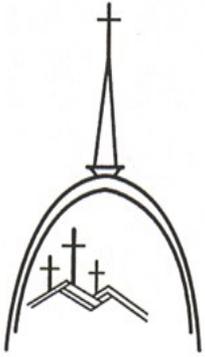
Although it seems as if summer just started, the school year is right around the corner. Please consider donating school supplies for the 2019 "Stuff the Bus" drive. You may bring paper, pencils, backpacks, binders, folders and other supplies to place in Calvary's Bus, located by the church office through **August 8**.

The supplies that are collected during this event are used by United Way to help children start the 2019 school year out with the right supplies.

United Way will be picking up the supplies on Friday, August 9. Many stores have posted lists of needed school supplies. Let's fill the bus to help United Way "Stuff the Bus" for this school year. Thank you for helping local community kids!

"STUFF THE BUS" Supplies

Backpacks (please no wheels)	Boxes of Tissues
Calculators (basic or scientific)	Hand Sanitizer
Pencil Boxes/Bags	Disinfectant Wipes
Paper (loose leaf)	Paper Towels
3 ring binders (1")	Band Aids
Folders	Socks
Pens/Pencils	Underwear
Highlighters	Deodorant
Glue (liquid or sticks)	Toothbrushes
Crayons	Toothpaste
Markers	Ziploc Bags
Dry Erase Markers	Headphones
Composition Notebooks	*Any other supplies are appreciated. Check out your local school supply lists in stores.
Erasers	
Index Cards	
Notebooks Wide/College Ruled	



CREATION CARE TEAM-BUILDING AT CALVARY

We welcome all members of Calvary as part of the Creation Care Team.

As children of God who profess our faith in God as the Creator, we acknowledge the calling each of us has to be good stewards of God's Creation. A study paper published by our ELCA includes this reminder:

"In Genesis 1, we are commanded to be good stewards of all creation. This is a daunting task, but also an honor entrusted to us by God. We must accept the responsibility to live up to the challenge."*

Here at Calvary, we are seeking to live up to that challenge. A Creation Care Coordinating Team has been formed and has been authorized by the Church Council to help us address the environmental challenges that our world is facing today. Jack Behr and retired pastor Ron Hanson are

serving as

co-chairs of the Coordinating Team. They want first to thank and acknowledge the efforts that many Calvary members are making in their personal lives to reduce their carbon footprints and to work for protecting the air, soil, and water from pollution and degradation. One Calvary member announced recently that he had gotten rid of his old, gas powered lawnmower which had been coughing dirty exhaust into the air of his neighborhood for years. And with a smile of satisfaction, he said, "I'm now using an electric mower!"

In our life together at Calvary, we will be approaching our Creation Care work in 5 sub-team areas: 1) In our worship life. 2) In our educational programs for all age groups. 3) In our care and management of our building and properties. 4) In assisting all members to practice environmental stewardship in their personal and work lives, and 5) to partner with other local churches, civic groups, etc. to strengthen our community wide response to the very real threats of climate change.

The Calvary Care of Creation Coordinating Team will be working cooperatively with the various staff and boards who lead in each of the above areas to jointly plan practical ways to address environmental challenges. Anyone who is interested in joining one of the 5 sub-team areas, or who would like to share your ideas or concerns is invited to contact Jack Behr (320-894-2860) or Ron Hanson (320-444-1706).

[*To expand your awareness, we invite you to find this and other ELCA Caring for Creation resources at the ELCA website, at both ELCA.org/resources/advocacy and at ELCA.org/resources/Caring-for-Creation]

Remarks from the President...

On behalf of Calvary's Stewardship Board (including Mike Haugsby, Charles Ulrich & myself), "Thank You" for your continued support of our church's ministry and programming. It is amazing to see the magnitude of daily support Calvary receives from its members.

August means our fall programming is just around the corner, and we encourage you to be mindful of the many opportunities for stewardship that will be available for our members in the coming months.

Calvary needs your financial support, in order to support our budget, and the many exciting programs and ministries that we provide.

Calvary needs your unique talents & gifts, that enhance our activities and programs, and enrich the lives of those we serve.

Calvary needs your time, since your volunteer efforts help us leverage our pastoral and lay staff, and multiply the important work we do at our church.

We hope you will be open and receptive to offering your financial support, talents, and volunteer time, as you are approached with opportunities for stewardship at Calvary this fall.



Brett Aamot



Lutheran World Relief

We are collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief

Our Doing Days ladies will be making drawstring backpacks which we will fill with supplies to make “School Kits” for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We will assemble the kits as a part of our “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday, among other projects, on September 8th. This is in addition to the “Stuff the Bus” school supply collection sponsored by United Way. The items we need for the LWR School Kits are:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8 x 10 ½ inches; no loose leaf paper. [each kit will contain 4]
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Pencil sharpener
- Pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers [each kit will contain 5]
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) [each kit will contain 5]
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½ inch eraser

We will have a box in the East Narthex marked LWR School Kits for you to drop off your supplies.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Rally Day! - God's Work Our Hands! Sunday September 8, 2019

As our Rally Day, Calvary will participate in “God’s Work, Our Hands”. It is a celebration of faith in action that is held across the ELCA. We will begin with an abbreviated worship service at 8:00AM and then scatter to various service projects within our community and here at church. Sunday school families are invited to arrive at 8:45am to start our service work. There will be something for everyone, for people of all ages and abilities. We will gather together in Bethany Hall at 10:30am for reflection on our activities, a concluding worship service and lunch. Watch the September Newsletter and our weekly bulletin announcements for further development and details as we get closer to this exciting event.



Calvary council has approved the purchase of a new grand piano for the sanctuary. We have already received many generous gifts that cover over half of the expense, but we would like to give everyone the opportunity to contribute. We hope to have the new instrument by the end of September. The current grand piano will continue to serve the congregation in Bethany Hall. Your gifts will enhance our worship, as well as provide new music opportunities for our congregation and community. Thank you!



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WELCOME VICAR DAVID SEVERTSON!

We thank our Music Director David Severtson who finished his work with Calvary Lutheran on August 11th. And now we welcome Vicar David Severtson who will be joining our staff as an intern pastor beginning August 27th. We will refer him as Vicar David, he will occupy a different office space and he will serve in a variety of new roles. He will preach, teach, offer pastoral care as part of his further development toward becoming a Christian public leader in Word and Sacrament Ministry, a pastor.

Calvary Lutheran will also be taking on a new role as a part of Vicar David's internship. We will be a teaching congregation. We will be a safe, nurturing, place for Vicar David to explore and experiment, a place to have trial and errors. We will be serving this role on behalf of the larger church, the church of Christ, to which Vicar David is being called. We will be having a service of gratitude for Music Director David on August 11th and a service of beginning for Vicar David on September 1st.

Please welcome Vicar David!