

The Messenger

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE
AND MAKE DISCIPLES



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

Rally Day Sunday September 8, 2019

"God's work. Our hands."

Rally Day will be an opportunity for Calvary Lutheran as a faith community to be inspired, encouraged, strengthened and connected as we are sent out to do God's work.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, the over 9,100 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people.

You work every day to love your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let's do it together. The idea for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is that the members of Calvary Lutheran are called to put their faith into action by engaging in service activities in our congregation, neighborhood and community. There will be activities and projects for all ages and abilities, a family friendly event.

Come to Worship either before or after our time of Service and then stay for a meal and fellowship. Here's the schedule:

- 8:00-8:30AM Worship in the Sanctuary
- 8:45AM Meet in Friendship Room for directions
- 8:45-10:15AM Community/Calvary Service Projects
- 10:30-11:00AM Worship in Bethany Hall
- 11:00-12:00PM Picnic Meal in Bethany Hall

Rally Day Service Projects Include:

- Working at Wilshire and Voss Parks
- School Kit Assembly
- Quilting
- Caring Cards
- Sunday School Bulletin Boards
- Care of Creation Project
- Calvary Property Project
- Advocacy-Letter Writing Project

This promises to be a fun and meaningful day. It will be a great day to bring along friends and neighbors to meet our church in action. Wear "work clothes" and bring work gloves if you would like to work outdoors.

— Join us!



Pastor Tim Malek

Labor Day Worship

Saturday August 31:

† 5:30PM – Chapel Worship/
with Holy Communion

Sunday September 1:

- † 8:00AM – First Word
Worship/ with Holy
Communion
- † 9:00AM – Coffee/Fellowship
(Friendship Room)
- † 9:45AM – Foundation &
Praise Worship/ with
Holy Communion

Fall Schedule

Saturday Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28

5:30 pm – Chapel Worship

Sunday Sept. 15, 22, 29

8:00 am – Worship

9:05 am – Education for All

10:15 am – Worship



CHILDREN'S CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER:

SEPTEMBER 1-Back to School Blessing During Worship

- 9:45AM-all Children are invited to come, bring their backpacks and receive a blessing before they go back to school.

SEPTEMBER 8—God's Work our Hands/Rally Sunday! All ages are invited to gather together to reconnect and do service projects at Calvary and in the Community.

- 8:45AM—Sunday School families meet in the Friendship Room.
- 9:00AM—Get instructions and go out into the community or stay at Calvary to do service projects. There will be something for everyone, for people of all ages and abilities.
- 10:30AM—Worship in Bethany Hall.
- 11:00AM—Picnic Meal (hotdogs, chips, baked beans, fresh fruit and lemonade) in Bethany Hall.

SEPTEMBER 15—First Day of Classroom Sunday School!

- 9:05-10:05AM-Children ages 3 yrs-Kindergarten meet in their classrooms on the lower level of the education wing. Children in grades 1-6 meet in the Sanctuary.
- 10:15AM-Installation of Sunday School teachers and helpers & Confirmation Small Group Leaders.

SEPTEMBER 18-NEW Wednesday Evening Programming Begins!

- 5:00-6:00PM-Creative HeArt (Creative Art class led by local artist!)
- 6:00-7:00PM-Dinner Church in Bethany Hall
- 7:00-8:00PM-Confirmation/ Adult Ed.
- 7:00-7:45PM-Yoga

SEPTEMBER 22-Bible Presentation Sunday!

- 10:15AM 3 year olds receive *The Beginner's Bible* and all 3rd graders receive *The Good News Bible* during worship.

SEPTEMBER 29-Bible Party Sunday!

- 9:05-10:05AM-The 3 Year olds and their parents meet in the Youth Room (1st floor, ed. wing) for their Bible Milestone class. The 3rd graders and their parents meet in the Koinonia Room (2nd floor, ed. wing) for their Bible Milestone class.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you haven't registered your child(ren) for Sunday School, please do so. Registrations help

us get accurate classroom size numbers and updates your contact information. The 2019-2020 registration forms are available at the Church's Welcome Center and online at Calvary's website (www.calvarywillmar.org).



WANT TO MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON A CHILD'S LIFE?

Consider being a teacher for Sunday School this year! We continue to search for teachers for the following classrooms on Sundays from 9:05-10:05AM:

3 year olds 2nd grade
Kindergarten 1st grade
3rd grade

If you enjoy working with children and want to teach or just help out, please contact Janel at janel@calvarywillmar.org or 235-2508.

5th Quarter :

When: September 6 & 20 and October 11 from 9-11 pm

Where: Vinje Lutheran Church after each Willmar HS home football game (1101 Willmar Ave, just a couple blocks from the football field)

Who: Grades 6th-8th

What: Join with youth from other churches for pizza, games, karaoke and more!





COMING SOON TO A WEDNESDAY

NEAR YOU!

CREATIVE HEART 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Ever wanted to learn more about how to do art? Are you looking for a way to connect to your creative side? Step away from the pressures and the worries and replace them with an hour of creative expression. You don't have to be "good" at art to participate! Working together with local artists we will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of different art forms and then get to try them out. Kids, teens, adults all are invited to join us for a time of artistic exploration. Our first unit, through the end of October, will be about painting with watercolors. One class, taught by Pauline Prawl, will be for grades 5 and above and meet in the youth room. A second class, with more variety of activities and led by Cathy Bannon with help from Calvary staff, will be geared toward younger kids and meet in Bethany Hall. Kids age 3 through Kindergarten are invited to come with an adult helper present. Class creations will be displayed in an art show on December 15th!

DINNER CHURCH 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Fill your stomach and your souls! Starting September 18th join us mid-week for a chance to gather together with friends – new and old. We'll meet in Bethany Hall to worship and eat together at the same time. Think of it like a dinner party with a spiritual twist! We'll open with prayer and then eat at tables together. Our conversation will be centered on a biblical text for the evening. The center of our meal will be communion and we will have a time of prayer. All ages are welcome! This is informal and family friendly! A donation of \$6/person for the food is suggested, but pay what you can. All are welcome regardless of ability to pay.

CONFIRMATION 7-9th Grade

Confirmation Kick- Off - Sunday September 8th 3:00PM – 6:00PM

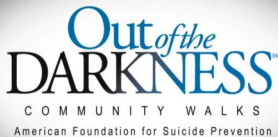
Meet at Calvary to car pool to Shores of St Andrew Bible camp for an afternoon of games and a cook out!

Confirmation classes resume - September 11th 6:00PM. Meet in Bethany Hall.

Collaborative Confirmation - Wednesday September 25th 5:30PM Meet at Vinje to take a bus to Green Lake Bible Camp for a night of service work! Dinner will be provided.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WILLMAR WALK – Saturday September 14th

Location: Robbins Island Registration: 10:00 am Walk: 11:00 am



Calvary is gathering a team to walk and fundraise for this year's Out of the Darkness Walk for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Each year, suicide claims more lives than war, murder, and natural disasters combined. Together we can change the conversation about mental health and put a stop to this tragic loss of life.

YOU can help Calvary's Team and this important cause by signing up to walk with the team and/or by donating to our team goal of \$2,000. We will have a table between church services or contact Sara Bennett by phone or text @ 320-444-3769.

MEET KJ AND KARINA CALVARY'S NEW MINISTRY ASSOCIATES

The Youth and Family Board has decided to replace one of the Faith Formation Coordinator positions with two part-time Ministry Associates on a trial basis. We are excited to introduce KJ Farhat and Karina Rice as our new faith formation staff. They will focus primarily on youth in grades 7 and higher, but will also be working alongside of Pastor Naomi and Janel Skindelien.



Hi everyone! My name is Kadijah (KJ) Farhat. I grew up in Willmar MN, attended and graduated from Willmar Senior High. I was confirmed at Calvary. I am currently pursuing a degree at St. Cloud State in special education and hope to have my own classroom back here in Willmar! I am extremely excited and grateful for this opportunity of being the Ministry Associate alongside Karina Rice & the Calvary staff! Here's to new adventures!



Hi y'all I am Karina Rice! I grew up here in Willmar, MN, graduated from the Senior High School, and was confirmed and baptized here at Calvary. I am currently going to Ridgewater to finish up my generals. I am thinking of going into a profession that is very involved with youth and maybe adding music into the mix. I just worked my first summer at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries at Shores of St. Andrew as a camp counselor. I've also coached softball for 3 seasons, some at the middle and high school level. I am super excited to be working here at my home congregation as a Ministry Associate with KJ Farhat and the rest of the staff!



WELCOME TERI SOKULSKI

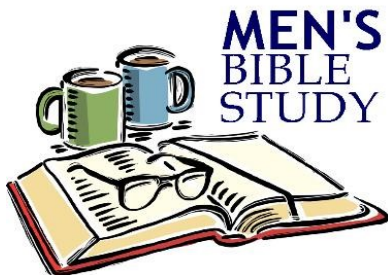
We welcome Teri to the Calvary staff as Office Manager-her first day was Monday, August 26. Teri grew up in New London, MN. Teri and her husband Steve are members of Calvary, they have one son, Kyle and his wife, Tayler. Teri likes to spend time with her family, go for walks, do yoga, fish and being outdoors. Teri comes to us with many years of office & accounting experience. We are happy to have her a part of the Calvary team!

SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP FALL KICK OFF! SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH!



All Senior High Youth are invited to meet at church at 5:58pm! We'll head out to Dickerson's Resort for an evening of games and a bonfire! Come and get to know KJ and Karina our new ministry associates.

Feel free to invite a friend!




Men's Bible Study-begins September 3 at 8:00AM in Bethany Hall. Come join us!

September Music

September 15-
8:00AM Mary Jo de Cathelineau
10:15AM Mary Jo de Cathelineau

September 22-
8:00AM Rosanne Stoltz
10:15AM Rosanne Stoltz

NTY: Not Through Yet

Date: Friday, September 6
Time: 12:00 Noon
Cost: \$6.00
Program: Chris Flatten and K9 Axel with the Willmar Police Department.

Stop by the Welcome Center to sign up or call the Church office at 235-2508 by Wednesday, September 4.



NEW GRAND PIANO

In July, the Calvary Church Council approved the purchasing of a new Grand Piano for the Sanctuary for \$46,300. The current piano will be placed in Bethany Hall for use. The new Grand Piano will be paid for by \$25,000 of existing and dedicated memorial funds. The remaining balance of \$21,300 has been fully raised by generous lead gifts. An additional \$2,000 has been raised to support the updating of the old Grand Piano, organ maintenance and possibly other new music equipment. If you would like to consider a gift, please contact Vicar David or Pastor Dean. We are grateful for the generosity of so many members.



CALVARY GRIEF CARE

YOU ARE INVITED!

Mondays, starting September 9, 2019 from 5PM-6:30PM
(In the Friendship Room)
Coffee & Refreshments begin at 5:00PM
Meeting begins at 5:15PM
Bring a friend and/or family member.
Questions-please contact Pastor Dean 320-235-2508



The Personal needs drive is up and running through October 1.

The collection tub is by the Welcome Center along with a list of items to be collected. These personal needs items will benefit the Salvation Army.

Thank you for your help!

Social Concerns Committee



**CALVARY WOMEN'S
CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES**

Will meet on Tuesday,
September 3

- Hope** - 8:00 AM at McMillan's
- Humility** - 8:30 AM in the Friendship Room
- Joy** - 9:30 AM at McMillan's
- Peace** - 9:30 AM at McMillan's
- Good Faith** - 1:00 PM in Bethany Hall
- Charity** - 7:30 PM at Peggy Ruch's Home



Widow Alert!

Widows of Calvary will meet for a social evening.

When: Friday, Sept. 13
Where: McMillan's
Time: 5:30 PM

Contact Donna Gilbertson at 235-1145 or Lois Fostervold at 235-3639.

Give us a call-would love to see you there!



God's Blessing,

There's always a lot of newness in September: new school year, new schedules for church, restarting of fall activities. The same holds true for Family Promise this month. On September 16 the Kandiyohi County Family Promise Board will host a get-together for all volunteers and coordinators. It will be held right here at Calvary from 6-7:30 pm. We will get an update on guest receiving guidelines, a printed copy of "House Rules" that every church can use, as well as sharing information on how each church can smooth out wrinkles it may have. There are also a couple of new faces on board with KCFP and this will be a great time to meet Nancy and Rebecca.

In addition, the week of September 29 is our next opportunity to welcome families to Calvary. We always appreciate new helpers! Please check the sign up board and Sign-up Genius to see how you can be part of this very successful ministry!

Your Family Promise Committee



Family Camp Potluck



Since we were unable to get a weekend to camp this year we are having a potluck get together on Saturday, September 21 at Chad & Krista Willis' cabin. Come anytime after 2:00 pm for an afternoon of fun and we will eat at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass and we will furnish hotdogs and buns, beverages and plates. The Willis' address is 15309 75th Avenue NE Atwater. Please RSVP to Randy & Clarice Novak by Wednesday, September 18 at movak2@charter.net or 320-295- 2349.



**ELCA Women Lake-
land Conference
Fall Gathering**

- † Guest Speaker, The Grahn Sisters
- † "To Be A Blessing"
- † Thursday, September 26, 2019
- † Green Lake Bible Camp
- † 5 pm Registration, 6:30 pm Gathering
- † \$10 Cost /Includes Dinner
- † Deadline for Registration is September 18, 2019



CALVARY MILITARY

We are updating our list of Calvary members currently serving in the military. This includes active duty military

personnel, Guard and Reserve soldiers. Please help us identify these members who wear the uniform and make the sacrifices to serve their country.

If you know a member who serves please contact the church office, (320-235-2508) and provide them with the member's name and branch of service and your contact information. Thank you for your help!

Thank you to everyone who helped us kick off the school year right with donating to our "Stuff The Bus" campaign! Your donations will help local students and the community greatly!

YOGA AT CALVARY
All Ages, Gentle, Mats Available, drop-ins OK

Most Mondays, 12:15-12:45 PM
September 9, 16, 23 & 30
October 7, 14, 21 & 28
November 4, 11 & 25
December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Class Drop-In \$7

10-class Drop-In Card \$50

Most Wednesdays 7:00-7:45 PM
September 4, 11, 18 & 25
October 2, 9 & 23
November 6 & 13
December 4, 11 & 18

Unlimited Drop-Ins at Calvary \$120

Our Parish Leadership:

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

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

I would like to thank Pastor Tim and Pastor Dean for their visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. I also want to thank the Monday morning prayer group and Calvary members for their prayers and cards. Thank you,
Donavon Monson



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General Fund Treas. Report	2019 July Ending	2019 YTD Total	July Ending Budgeted Amount	2018 July Ending	2018 YTD Total	2017 July Ending	2017 YTD Total
Total Contributions	\$67,797.90	\$459,014.40	\$480,725.05	\$61,069.51	\$471,418.66	\$75,104.25	\$519,036.16
Total Expenses	\$68,534.70	\$520,327.06	\$538,828.25	\$64,823.82	\$542,671.48	\$70,436.71	\$489,276.17
Contribution Deficit/Surplus	(\$736.80)	(\$61,312.66)		(\$3,754.31)	(\$71,252.82)	\$4,667.54	\$29,759.99
Avg. Weekly Attendance for June	324			320			

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

Contributions for July 2019 -- July 2019's General Fund and Special Offerings totaled \$67,798 which was 10% over July 2018.

Expenses for July 2019 -- July 2019's expenses totaled \$68,535 which is 5.5% over July 2018.

In Summary that leaves a July Deficit of \$(737) and a seven month ending deficit of \$(61,313). Our Contributions are currently 4.5% behind or projected budget and our expenses are currently 3.5% ahead of or projected budget.

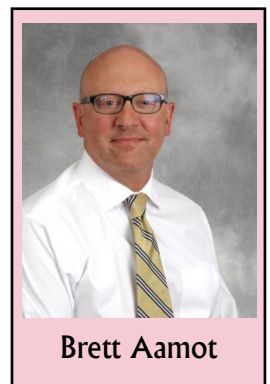
Remarks from the President

Our Calvary staff has carefully made amazing plans for impactful and meaningful programming at church this fall, and I urge you and your families to make an extra effort to be active in the life of our congregation as we begin this exciting season.

Our congregation is fortunate to have such a talented team of pastors and program staff who are committed to trying new ideas, and exploring ways to enhance and enrich our lives, through our connection with Calvary Lutheran Church.

Rapidly changing demographics and cultural trends are negatively impacting many congregations in our Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA (and in the United States), and Calvary is not immune to these challenges. Fortunately, we continue to flourish under the leadership of our clergy, and many lay members who regularly contribute their time & talents for the benefit of this wonderful congregation.

So again, please be present and engaged with your fellow members, as Calvary moves into the new programming season!



Brett Aamot



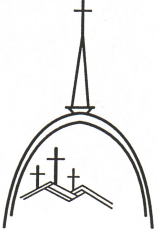
EMBRACING THE CARE OF CREATION

As we embark on the new 2019-2020 program year, we invite everyone to be part of our Creation Care Team at Calvary. God calls each of us to be caretakers and stewards of this amazing creation which is our earthly home. We're grateful for the people who have stepped forward to serve on the Coordination team for our emerging creation care ministry. The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friendship room, and we invite anyone interested in supporting this effort to join us.

We recognize that the environmental threats we are facing is a global issue. We are grateful for the many nations and agencies which have stepped up to address and take action to meet the challenge of these threats. It is also encouraging to know that Church bodies around the world are acting to deal with the climate crisis. You need to know that **Sunday, September 1, will be observed as the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION.** This observance began among the world Orthodox Christian community in 1989 under the leadership of Patriarch Bartholomew. And in an ecumenical gesture of global significance, Pope Francis announced on August of 2015 that the Roman Catholic Church would also recognize Sept. 1 as the World Day of Prayer for All Creation. Here in the United States, the National Council of Churches USA has also stepped forward to encourage broad ecumenical participation in this Sept. 1 emphasis. In addition, Blessed Tomorrow, a broad coalition of denominations, including our ELCA, is working cooperatively to strengthen our care of creation work and has invited our participation individually and as congregations in the Sept. 1 Day of Prayer. On that day, we invite you pray the following prayer:

God of the universe, we thank you for your many good gifts – For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits, for clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants. Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted and wasted what you have given us. Transform our hearts and minds, so that we would learn to treat the earth with gentleness and love, respecting all living things. Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species, and help us to generously share your gifts today and always. Amen.

Calvary Care of Creation Co-Chairs, Jack Behr & Ron Hanson



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