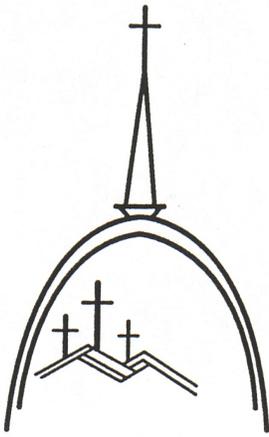




# The Messenger

A monthly publication for Calvary Lutheran Church

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## TOGETHER IN CHRIST

EMPOWERED TO BE  
AND MAKE DISCIPLES

### Come Worship With Us

#### Wednesday:

6:00 PM — *Dinner Church/  
Confirmation*

#### 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*



## Confirmation

### Worship Service:

Sunday, October 27

10:15 AM

## OCTOBER THOUGHTS

Fall harvest of the crops and gardens. Reformation Sunday!

Affirmation of Baptism by confirmation for 10th graders on October 27th! Preparations for winter! The hunting season for some. These and numerous other activities are on the schedule.

From a Christian point of view thru the eyes of being a Lutheran, the Confirmation and Reformation events are of great importance and significance to us during October. Do you recall and remember the day you were confirmed in the Christian faith? Your baptismal date? These two days are the events when Christ adopted us as children and we as young adults affirmed this relationship in our Confirmation vows! We belong to God! Christ in his activity cemented this relationship. Our life is now a response to God.



Pastor  
Dean E. Johnson

Reformation day, October 31st! 502 years ago when Martin Luther posted the 95 theses on Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. It was a direct and objectionable written protest to the manner in which the Catholic Church was practicing the faith and the interpretation of scripture. Luther proclaimed that ones' Christian faith is "By Grace " which is a gift, we are forgiven and saved for eternity and not by our outward actions. One's daily activities are a response to what Christ had done for us and with us.

Confirmation and the Reformation are very important events in our faith walk and spiritual life with God. Despite the numerous fall and October events, let us be thankful for these Gifts of Grace and important days in our spiritual lives.

*Pastor Dean E. Johnson*



# Harvest Of Hope

## Sunday School Offering

Sunday school offering money through December will go to support Lutheran World Relief's Baby Kit program. We will purchase and assemble Baby Kit items to help families with newborns coping with war, disaster and poverty. Offering envelopes are available in your child's classroom or at Kids' Corner. Please send an offering each week with your child!



**MAKE A  
"JOYFUL  
NOISE!"**

## NOISY OFFERING

On Sunday, October 6th, during the 10:15 am Worship Service, we will be taking our first Noisy Offering for the education year. We'll do this the first Sunday of every month. Children will pass a bucket during the closing worship song and worshippers are encouraged to share their coin

money. The Noisy Offering will be in addition to our regular offering. Funds collected through December will support Lutheran World Relief's Baby Kit program. Thank you for your support.



**It was so much fun last year, lets do it again!**

**Date:** Sunday, October 27  
**Time:** 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
(Trunks set up by 1:45 PM)  
**Location:** Calvary Lutheran Church Parking lot.  
**Who:** Everyone welcome!

We need two things to make our Trunk or Treat a big success!

- ◆ First, we need "trunkers" who will decorate their vehicle and/or host a simple game for the kids! If you are willing to be a "trunker", please contact Sara Bennett (320-444-3769) or Erica Mathews (320-444-0626). Car trunks should be set up by 1:45 pm in the Calvary parking lot on that Sunday.
- ◆ Second, we need candy! **And we mean lots and lots of candy.** Drop off your candy donation to the bin by the welcome center or you can make a money donation at the church office. Thank you!

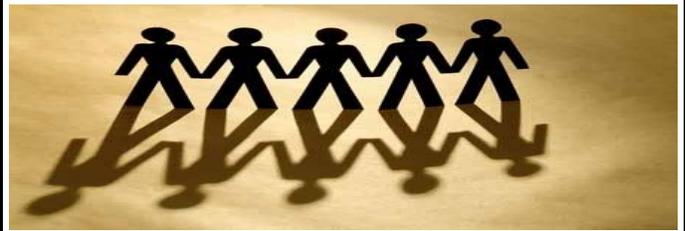
## Singing in Worship: Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School children in Grades 1-5 sing at the 10:15am worship service.



## Family Sunday School: Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

ALL Children and Parents join us in Bethany Hall (in the basement) at 9:05 am. No regular classroom Sunday School.



## 10th Grade Confirmation Announcements

OCTOBER 27, CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, 10:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

### 2019 Calvary's Confirmation Class

**Mason Burgess, Isaac Eichhorst, Hunter Luft, Grace Lynum,  
Sofia Lynum, Colin O'Farrell, Zachary Prokosch, Rian Tollefson, Grace Vierhuf**



**Wednesday, October 23:**

**10th Grade:** 6:45-7:30 PM Pictures and rehearsal.

7:30-8:30 PM Dessert banquet for Confirmands & family and small group leaders.

### Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter :

**When:** October 11 from 9-11 PM.

**Where:** Vinje Lutheran Church (1101 Willmar Ave, just a couple blocks from the football field).

**Who:** Grades 6-8.

**What:** Games, Snacks & Activities.

**Cost:** \$2 to cover cost of pizza, beverages and snacks.

Contact Pastor Naomi, Karina or KJ if you have questions or are interested in chaperoning!



### Jr. High Youth Gathering

November 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Willmar Conference Center

Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$60/person

**Registration deadline- Oct. 13**

More information/forms by KJs and Karina's office.



### **Volunteer Training**

Volunteers who work with children and youth under the age of 18 must complete a required training as stated by our insurance company. These trainings are for NEW volunteers or for volunteers who have not had the training for 3 years.

The training will be held on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm.**
- **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm.**
- **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm.**

Each volunteer attends one training date/time. Choose which date works best for you. We will meet in the Koinonia room (located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the education wing).

\*If you are a teacher or small group leader and have not had this training or it has been 3 years since your last training, please plan to attend.





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

October's book will be "*I Capture the Castle*" – by Dodie Smith a story of seventeen-year-old Cassandra and her family, who live in not-so-genteel poverty in a ramshackle old English castle. Here she strives, over six turbulent months, to hone her writing skills. She fills three notebooks with sharply funny yet poignant entries. Her journals candidly chronicle the great changes that take place within the castle's walls, and her own first descent into love. By the time she pens her final entry, she has "captured the castle"--and the heart of the reader-- in one of literature's most enchanting entertainments.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 7th@ 7:00pm in the Friendship Room at Calvary. The group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month.

We will read through chapter 8 for our October 7<sup>th</sup> 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/sarabennett26@gmail.com



Rally Sunday on September 8<sup>th</sup> was a time when Calvary congregation did many service projects both at church and out in our community. It reminded us that we are called to serve those around us. Family Promise is the way Calvary congregation serves families in our community who are experiencing homelessness. To those who faithfully volunteer during our host weeks and share their time and talents, serving our Family Promise guests while they are at Calvary, we say "Hurray and Thank You." To those who are considering serving this ministry for the first time we say "Hurray and Welcome." You can contact Joan Hanson (320-220-1324) or email her at [joanhanson122@gmail.com](mailto:joanhanson122@gmail.com) or Roger Bengtson (320-905-1762) or email at [northwatch@charter.net](mailto:northwatch@charter.net) and they will help you get signed up.

All through the year we serve families, but with the arrival of October we are reminded that cooler weather and winter are not far away. We are grateful as an Out Reach Ministry that Calvary, as one of the 13 host churches for Family Promise, can be a warm and safe place for families!

## October Special Music

- October 5<sup>th</sup>** - 5:30PM — Grace Lynum
- October 6<sup>th</sup>** - 8:00AM— Grace Lynum  
10:15AM—Grace Lynum
- October 13<sup>th</sup>** - 10:15AM—One Accord
- October 20<sup>th</sup>** - 8:00AM—JoAnn Halverson  
10:15AM—JoAnn Halverson
- October 26<sup>th</sup>** - 5:30PM—Phillis DeBlieck
- October 27<sup>th</sup>** - 8:00AM—Phillis DeBlieck  
10:15AM—Phillis DeBlieck

## Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

The Boy Scouts Pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 26, from 7-11 AM in Bethany Hall.

## Calvary Grief Care

Mondays from 5:00PM—6:30PM  
(In the Friendship Room)  
5:00 PM Refreshments  
5:15–6:30 PM Presentations, Discussions & Support.  
All are welcome!

## NTY: Not Through Yet

**When:** October 4th  
**Time:** 12:00 Noon  
**Program:** Fire Safety Awareness  
**Presenting:** Fire Chief Frank Hanson

Stop by the Welcome Center to sign up or call the Church office at 235-2508 by Wednesday, October 2nd.

## Weekday Adult Education

### MONDAY | 9:00 AM

**Amazing Collection:** The Bible, book by book. All women are welcome to join. Held in the Friendship Room. Any questions call Marcia Knutson - 320-295-3753 Karen Rinke - 320-295-1872

### TUESDAY | 8:00 AM

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

### WEDNESDAY | 9:00 AM

**Beliveau Women's bible study.** All women are welcome to join. Led by 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, OCTOBER 1ST

- HOPE CIRCLE** 8:00 AM  
- Bethesda brothers cafe
- HUMILITY CIRCLE** 8:30 AM  
- Friendship Room
- JOY CIRCLE** 9:30 AM  
- ALVINA HENRICKSON'S
- PEACE CIRCLE** 9:30 AM  
- MCMILLAN'S
- GOOD FAITH CIRCLE** 1:00 PM  
- BETHANY HALL
- CHARITY CIRCLE** 7:00 PM  
- FRIENDSHIP ROOM



## Our Parish Leadership

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

## Our Parish Staff

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## CALVARY CARE OF CREATION NEWS

### Planting a tree is a symbol of Hope

Once when Martin Luther was asked, what would you do if you knew the world was going to end tomorrow? He reportedly said, "I would go out and plant a tree." On "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday," a team of people planted a tree on our church owned property. Pictured below are Jeff Miller, his grandson Logan Madsen, Rick Reimer, & Harland Asche. Scott Glup (who took the picture) coordinated the planting. It's a bur oak tree. Thanks also to Kevin Christianson & the property committee for their assistance.



Check out the Creation Care Bulletin Board in the Church Narthex. Look for pictures, information, and news about upcoming programs and projects.

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m., Willmar Municipal Utilities conducted a 30 min. program at Calvary on their program to increase their use of renewable energy. The plan gives customers an option to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates which will increase the percentage of renewable energy they purchase for customer use. Call them at 235-4422 if you are interested in participating in that program.

### Coming on Sunday mornings in Oct.

A 4 Session group study for all older youth and adults:

**"AWAKENING TO GOD'S CALL TO EARTH KEEPING"** This foundational ELCA course is designed to encourage, empower, and equip us as Lutherans to be "Earthkeepers" and caretakers. Retired Pastor Ron Hanson and John Gilbertson will lead the study, which will be held during the 9:05 to 10:00 a.m. educational hour on Oct. 6, 13, 20, & 27. It will be held in the chapel.

The Documentary film, "From Paris to Pittsburgh" by National Geographic, will be shown at Vinje Lutheran on Tues., Oct. 22, at 7:00 p.m. This 117 minute film bring to life the stories of individuals, cities, and communities across the country who are working diligently to combat the most severe threats of climate change. Numerous Willmar area groups, including our Calvary Creation Care Team are assisting in publicizing and inviting everyone to come and view this film.

Thanks for your partnership in  
Caring for Creation  
Jack Behr & Ron Hanson



### VETERANS

Monday, November 11th is a day America sets aside to honor and remember all Military Veterans. Calvary Church will have a special commemoration and recognition of Veterans at both church services

with a coffee hour at 9:05AM in the Friendship Room to recognize Veterans and their families. All Veterans in the community and Calvary are welcome to attend a worship service and reception. Veterans please wear all or part of your uniform! We Thank You!!

# THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We would like to extend our thanks to Pastor Dean E Johnson, Calvary Lutheran Church, and all the people who helped at Susan's funeral for their love and support.

Susan Trandahl Family.

## THE MESSENGER

### SANCTUARY DENOMINATION

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America [ELCA] held its triennial Church Assembly (sometimes referred to as Church-wide Assembly) August, 2019 in Milwaukee, WI. The week long Assembly performed the important work of the Church as its highest legislative body. Included in this work were three resolutions that are garnering significant attention. I want to address one of those this month; the resolution designating the ELCA as a Sanctuary Denomination.

#### Brief Overview and My Convictions Pertaining to this Resolution

- This resolution means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith and not politics.
- This resolution does not call for any synod, congregation or person to engage in any illegal actions (contrary to what Fox News reported).
- There are extensive strategies already in place. Strategies that I feel everyone, no matter what their views are on these issues, can find at least one that they would support.
- Some of the work we already do here at Calvary is providing Sanctuary, prime example, Family Promise.
- We follow Jesus who commissions us to love everyone as he loves us, we practice open communion as an extension and example of hospitality and welcome. We feed the hungry and house the homeless as a matter of faith.

#### Not So Brief, More In-Depth Overview

First, a little refresher on our polity or church structure. The ELCA is considered a church in three expressions – Congregation, Synod and Denomination. All three expressions are considered to be on the same “plane” or level. Each expression has a large degree of autonomy and independence. The expressions exist as configurations that best serve the various missions and ministries of the Church. The congregation serving the local mission context, the synod a partnership that better serves regional mission and the denomination a partnership that better serves national and global mission. Each expression is served by councils whose leaders are elected and are comprised of both of lay and rostered people. Each expression has a regularly scheduled assembly that conducts the important business of the church and makes its most important decisions (at the congregational level this is referred to as the Annual Meeting). All three expressions are designed to be interconnected and interdependent, partners in mission, and yet also existing with the gift of diversity in areas of theology and praxis.

The resolution concerning the ELCA becoming a Sanctuary Denomination is actually rooted in the Great Commandment and furthers a history that Lutherans have been involved with for as long as we have been in North America. I hope you can take the time to read several resources that I have found helpful in understanding the implications for us the church. The implications for Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar, will be completely up to us to determine as we go about our mission and ministry.

- A great resource can be found here:  
<https://www.elca.org/SanctuaryChurch>

The introduction and the four links off it are full of good content.

- I am touched and inspired by our Southwestern Minnesota Synod Bishop Jon V. Anderson’s reflection on this topic, it is worth reading in full. Bishop Anderson’s reflection can be found here:  
<https://swmnelca.org/2019/08/20/i-have-been-praying-and-thinking-about-sanctuary/>

I believe Calvary has a rich history of doing this kind of work, providing “Sanctuary.” Please talk to myself or any of the pastoral staff if you any questions, thoughts, or concerns.

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God – Romans 15:7*

In Christ,  
Pastor Tim Malek

### DINNER CHURCH 6:00PM-7:00PM

Last month we started Dinner Church! We welcome you to join us to a Wednesday night of food, fellowship, communion, and prayer together down in Bethany Hall. All ages and families are welcome! A donation of \$6/person for the food is suggested, but pay what you can. All are welcome regardless of ability to pay.





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General Fund Treas. Report	2019 August Ending	2019 YTD Total	YTD Budgeted Amount	2018 August Ending	2018 YTD Total	2017 August Ending	2017 YTD Total
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$52,650.94	\$511,665.34	\$549,400	\$48,883.21	\$520,301.87	\$58,262.40	\$577,298.56
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$64,093.39	\$584,420.15	\$615,804	\$64,010.16	\$606,681.64	\$67,578.58	\$556,854.75
<b>Contribution Deficit/Surplus</b>	\$(11,442.15)	\$(72,754.81)		\$(15,126.95)	\$(86,379.77)	\$(9,316.18)	\$20,443.81
<b>Avg. Weekly Attendance for August</b>	328			342		390	

Calvary Lutheran Church Parishioners Executive Financial Summary August 2019.

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

Contributions for August 2019 – August 2019’s General Fund and Special Offerings totaled \$52,651 which was 8% over August 2018.

Expenses for July 2019 – August 2019’s expenses totaled \$64,093 which is within 1% of August 2018.

In Summary that leaves a July Deficit of \$(11,442) and an eight-month ending deficit of \$(72,755). Our Contributions are close to 7% behind Calvary’s projected budget and our expenses are currently 6% ahead of our projected budget..

**ADULT FORUM**

Please join us for two adult forums in October presented by Calvary member, Todd Lynum. He has spent two years in China and teaches Chinese at Willmar High School

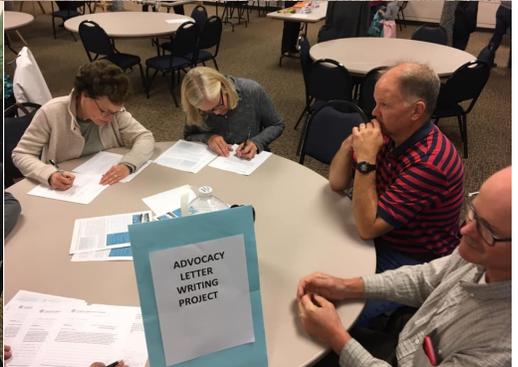
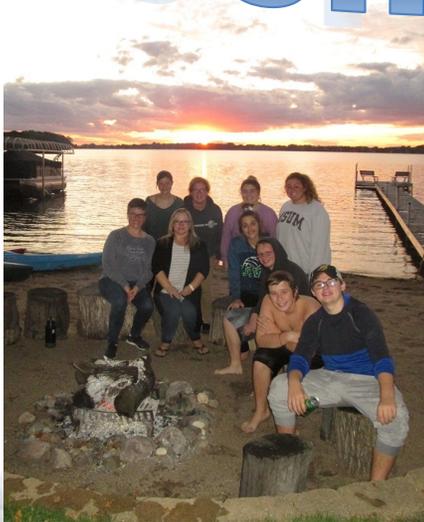
**Sunday, October 13** - The Chinese language and how Christian symbols and concepts made their way into Chinese characters.

**Sunday, October 20** - Religion in China, yesterday and today, and the current situation of the Christian church in China.

Forums will meet in the Friendship room at 9:05am.



# Celebrating September at Calvary Connection





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All Ages, Gentle, Mats Available, drop-ins OK

Most Mondays, 12:15-12:45 PM

October 7, 14, 21 & 28

November 4, 11 & 25

December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

10-class  
Drop-In Card  
\$50

Class  
Drop-In \$7

Unlimited  
Drop-Ins at  
Calvary  
\$120

Most Wednesdays 7:00-7:45 PM

October 2, 9 & 23

November 6 & 13

December 4, 11 & 18