

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*



# The Messenger

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[www.calvarywillmar.org](http://www.calvarywillmar.org)

November 2019



## Annual Stewardship Drive

Hello Fellow Calvary Members!

We are reaching out to provide information on the upcoming annual Stewardship Drive and Stewardship Weekend on November 23/24.

1 Peter 4:10 reminds us that ***"Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well."*** Stewardship of the gifts God has first given each of us is a practice for a lifetime.

Specific to our Calvary family, your pledges and contributions are what drive our ability to serve God's Mission at Calvary, Willmar and beyond. We increasingly live in a society where church impact is not only about Sunday church services and sacraments, but also about reaching people throughout the week within and outside of our physical building.

Your financial gifts are what support the staff and program activities - programs that touch the lives of so many people in our community.

The Stewardship Drive will kick off in early November. You will hear temple talks and see information shared in weekly bulletins. Pledge cards will be mailed to your homes in early November.

At the end of the month we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday, and we will offer our pledges during the worship services the weekend of November 24. **Volunteers will also host a wonderful breakfast on Sunday morning in Bethany Hall. This is a special part of Stewardship Sunday, and all are welcome. It is a way to say "Thank You" for your generous giving.**

Again, thank you for your commitment to serving God's Mission through your pledges and contributions for 2020. Everyone has a part to play in advancing God's Mission.

- Board of Stewardship



Managing God's Gifts To Us



### Early Childhood Sunday School

**Sunday, November 3rd  
9:05-10:05 AM in the Youth Room**

For parents and children who are pre-Sunday School age (infant - 3 years). Gather once a month and grow in faith together with a fun early childhood curriculum! This month's story is "Noah's Ark." ALL are welcome!

### Children Singing in Worship Sunday, November 10

Sunday School children ages 3 yr - Kindergarten sing at the 10:15 AM Worship service.



### All Ages Sunday School: Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is invited to join us in Bethany Hall at 9:05 am to learn about *Prayer*. No regular classroom Sunday School.



## Christmas Program

If you plan to have your child involved with the Christmas Program, we will be doing most of our rehearsing during Sunday school. **PLEASE have your child(ren) at Sunday school as much as possible!**

### Rehearsal Schedule:

- \* **Sundays, Nov. 3, 10, 24 and Dec. 1, 8, & 15** from 9:05-10:05 AM, during Sunday school for all ages.
- \* **Saturday, December 14** - from 10:00-11:00 AM, Final Rehearsal in the Sanctuary for grades 1-6 only.

### Program Schedule:

- \* **Sunday, December 15** - 10:15 AM Christmas Program for children ages 3 years - Kindergarten during Worship.
- \* **Sunday, December 15** - 4:00 PM Christmas Program for children in grades 1-6 will be combined with a NEW event called "Christmas at Calvary".

### Sunday School/Noisy Offering



Through December, our Sunday School and Noisy Offerings will go to support Lutheran World Relief's Baby Care Kit program. We will continue to collect money every week at Sunday School and during Worship on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Money collected will be used to purchase items for the Baby Care Kits. Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. Keeping a new baby healthy, clean and comfortable takes a lot of resources. The items included in the Baby Care Kit provide the basics

a family needs to care for their new infant. Please join us in collecting funds so we can care for babies that are born to families in need. Thank you for your support.

## CALVARY'S 2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS



Back row: Mason Burgess, Zachary Prokosch, Colin O'Farrell, Isaac Eichhorst, Pastor Tim Malek  
Middle row: Pastor Naomi Mahler, Sofia Lynum, Hunter Luft, Pastor Dean E. Johnson  
Front row: Grace Lynum, Rian Tollefson, Grace Vierhuf

2019 Confirmation Class wrote down what they learned.

Good Job Everyone!!



### Calling All Artists!

We want to invite artists from the congregation to submit an entry for our first ever congregational art show on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Creative Heart Class will be having a show of their work and we would welcome additional submissions. We feel there are gifted people hiding away and we encourage you to come forth and share your talents. Please contact Pastor Naomi by November 27<sup>th</sup> if you wish to submit a work or with any questions. [pastornaomi@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:pastornaomi@calvarywillmar.org) 320-235-2508.

## NOVEMBER CREATIVE HEART

### NOVEMBER 6 & 13

Join Berry Carlson, (former Willmar High School art teacher and Calvary member,) to create a community art project that will be used to decorate Calvary's worship space during Advent and Christmas.

### NOVEMBER 20, DECEMBER 4, 11 & 18

Calling singers of ALL ages! We will celebrate the art of singing with our seasonal choir! Children, youth and adults are all invited to join us as part of Creative Heart as we get ready for the Christmas program on December 15<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Eve.

### LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MUSICIANS!

Children and Youth are invited to share their musical talents for the Christmas at Calvary Christmas Program on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for kids who would be willing to play a solo as part of the prelude or postlude time. This might be a piano solo or violin or clarinet – whatever it is that you play! All levels of musicians are welcome! Please contact Vicar David by December 1<sup>st</sup> if you are interested in playing or with any questions! [david@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:david@calvarywillmar.org) 320-235-2508



## November Special Music

- November 3** - 8:00 AM - Jon Zaske  
10:15 AM - Jon Zaske
- November 9** - 5:30 PM - Roger Bengtson
- November 10** - 8:00 AM - Amanda Severtson &/or family  
10:15 AM - Amanda Severtson &/or family
- November 16** - 5:30 PM - Anna Rice
- November 17** - 8:00 AM - Anna Rice  
10:15 AM - Anna Rice
- November 24** - 8:00 AM - Pastor Naomi Mahler  
10:15 AM - Pastor Naomi Mahler
- November 30** - 5:30 PM - Ryan Newberg



Calvary Lutheran Church  
Mondays through December 16.

**5:00 PM** Refreshments  
**5:15 - 6:30 PM** Presentations,  
Discussions & Support.  
All are welcome!



### THE CALVARY GIVING TREE

Once again, the Social Concerns committee will be providing each of us the opportunity to give a Christmas gift to

someone in our community in need. Our Giving Tree, filled with ornaments, will be going up November 23rd. That will give you plenty of time to choose an ornament (or 2), purchase the requested gift and return it to the church office before December 10th. Please use a gift bag and attach the colored ornament to the bag.

The organizations that have supplied the suggestions are: Bethesda Grand, Rice Care Center, Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services (KCHHS), Safe Avenues, Presbyterian Family Foundation (PFF), Project Turnabout and Lutheran Social Services.

Thank you for your generosity! God loves a cheerful giver!

*-Social Concerns Committee*



This year in America, more than 2.5 million children and their parents will experience homelessness. You at Calvary church, have made a difference. The Family Promise mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through our community-based response in Kandiyohi county. Our recent host week, September 29-October 6, was a time where over 30 Calvary members volunteered to help 3 families in crisis receive food and shelter and love. Part of the excitement was helping one of our families move into their new apartment. As the holidays are nearing, please consider the blessing of financial support to Kandiyohi County Family Promise.

December 22-29 will be our next host week. It will be a busy time, yes, but there will still be a need, nonetheless. Prayerfully consider volunteering a few hours of your time.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

*The Family Promise team and Calvary Board of Outreach.*



On November 3rd, we remember those who began their journey of grace in baptism as well as those whose earthly pilgrimage on earth ended at Calvary this past year. During Prayers of the People, prayers of thanksgiving will be offered and a candle will be lit in remembrance of those who have died.

**Deaths**

- Lowell Fostervold 10/31/2018
- Doyle Eekhoff 11/1/2018
- Esther Woltjer 11/6/2018
- Sheldon James Loven 11/9/2018
- Karen Claire Nielsen 11/21/2018
- Luvern Tvete 11/23/2018
- William Richard Hoglund 1/6/2019
- Bill Bannon 1/9/2019
- Janice K. Heck 2/7/2019
- Clariette Margaret Carlson 2/9/2019
- Larry Dale Ellingboe 3/10/2019
- Robert "Bob" H. Grove 3/14/2019
- Larry Allan Johnson 3/30/2019
- David Larson 4/4/2019
- Marjorie Lucille Hultgren 4/11/2019
- Mary Pauline Leason 4/29/2019
- Kevin Park Anderson 6/5/2019
- Merinda C. Fladeboe 6/7/2019
- Velma Evelyn Hanson 6/29/19
- Grayson Dee Evenson 7/12/2019
- Jane Marjorie Johnson 7/21/2019
- Cyndy Haugsby 8/7/2019
- Chesley "Chet" N. Sommers 8/8/2019
- Sue Trandahl 9/8/2019
- Hubert Schiro 9/10/2019
- Virginia Madeline Anderson 9/20/2019
- Theresa Prekker 10/11/2019
- Merwyn Eliason 10/21/2019

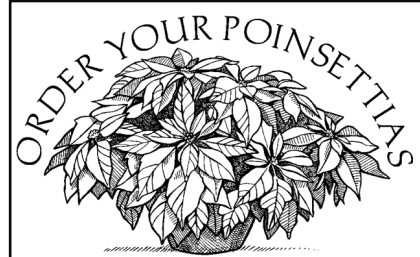
**Baptisms**

- Gabe Michael Jahraus 11/25/2018
- Brynn Marie Ims 12/2/2018
- Garret Michael Lecy 12/29/18
- Elin Maris Baker 1/6/2019
- Jaxson Adrian Marez 2/2/2019
- Britta Marie Sorenson 2/3/2019
- Lane Higdem-Laurie 2/24/2019
- Kinley Addison Mortenson 3/2/2019
- Nora Grace Rothwell 3/3/2019
- Cason Anders Birkland 3/17/2019
- Laken Demy Dooley 4/14/2019
- Logan Alan Miller 4/28/2019
- Ava Marie Bonnema 5/4/2019
- Braxton Bradley Fostervold 5/25/2019
- Lita Lee Fernholz 6/9/2019
- Braxton Allen-Robert Thram 6/16/2019
- Opal Roxanne Geurtz 6/23/2019
- Zella Anne Hoppe 6/23/2019
- Adriana Aliyana Dominquez 6/29/2019
- Owen Gerald Hibma 6/30/2019
- Cora Scarlett Martinka 6/30/2019
- Owen Bruce Klieidon 8/18/2019
- Katie Jane Klieidon 8/18/2019
- Xavian Emiliano Martinez 8/25/2019
- Adler Keith Knott 8/31/2019
- Lauren Sylvie Knott 8/31/2019
- Chandler David Bormann 9/1/2019
- Isaac Richard Potasnak 9/21/2019

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**



We are still in need of individuals who are interested in helping in the library. The library is currently open Sundays from 8:45-10:15 am. We would like to have enough volunteers to have the library hours extended on Sundays and possibly be open on Wednesdays (late afternoon/early evenings). If you are interested in helping or have questions, contact Janel Skindelien at 235-2508 or [janel@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:janel@calvarywillmar.org).



**Poinsettias**

If you would like to order a poinsettia plant in memory or in honor of a loved one for the Christmas season, please do so by **December 1st**.

Order forms are available at the Welcome Center and the cost is \$10.00.

### Our Parish Leadership

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

### Our Parish Staff

**Staff e-mail addresses:**

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Enola Dowdell, Kitchen Coordinator	

Check out Calvary's web site at [www.calvarywillmar.org](http://www.calvarywillmar.org)



### Weekday Adult Education

**MONDAY | 9:00AM** **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 or Karen Rinke - 320-295-1872

**TUESDAY | 8:00AM** **Men's Bible Study**  
All men are invited to join, meet in Bethany Hall.

**WEDNESDAY | 9:00AM** **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, NOVEMBER 5TH

- HOPE CIRCLE** 8:00 AM - BETHESDA BROTHERS CAFÉ
- HUMILITY CIRCLE** 8:30 AM - FRIENDSHIP ROOM
- JOY CIRCLE** 9:30 AM - MCMILLAN'S
- PEACE CIRCLE** 9:30 AM - MCMILLAN'S
- GOOD FAITH CIRCLE** 1:00 PM - BETHANY HALL
- CHARITY CIRCLE** 7:00 PM - FRIENDSHIP ROOM

### NTY: Not Through Yet

**Date:** November 1, 12:00PM in Bethany Hall, lunch is served at Noon.

**RSVP:** Please call or stop by the church office by Wednesday, October 30. (235-2508)

**Cost:** \$6.00

**Program:** Highway Patrol - Trooper Monson



### 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 on Sunday, November 10th 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!!



### CALVARY CREATION CARE NEWS

#### "God's Call to Earth Keeping"

During the education hour on the 4 Sundays of Oct., Calvary had 25 members that participated in an ELCA study course focusing on our scriptural and Lutheran faith heritage as a foundation for understanding our calling to address the serious environmental challenges our planet earth is facing. The study sessions were led by John Gilbertson & Pastor Ron Hanson.

#### All of us are Called to be Earth Keepers

God's first command to humans was, "Till the earth and keep it." (Gen. 2:15) That means we are called to care for and be good stewards of this amazing and beautiful "garden" God has given us to live in. But for us and all living things to flourish as God intends, we need to heed God's call and join our efforts with all those who are seeking to preserve and protect the air, water, earth, so that we and future generations may experience the fullness of life that God intends.

#### A Resource for you to pick up

"Caring For God's Creation: Climate Change 101" is located in a rack at the Creation Care Bulletin board in the Calvary Church narthex. This ELCA resource addresses the very serious topic of greenhouse gases and the problem of global warming.

#### **HELP WANTED**

The Creation Care Team is seeking a member of the congregation who has communications training and skills to advise us on the best ways to communicate information about environmental concerns to the congregation. If you can help, please call Ron (320-444-1706) or Jack (320-894-2860)

#### A Composting Question:

Some of us on the Creation Care Team have started composting our food scraps and other organic material in outdoor containers during the summer. But we have a question: HOW DO YOU DO COMPOSTING IN THE WINTER TIME? If there are some of you who are composting veterans, please help us out.

The next meeting of the Creation Care Team is Tues., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room. All are welcome!



## live it OUT! ADULT FORUM

On Sunday, November 3, the Stewardship Board will present the following forum:

**Planned Giving** – Jeanne Ashburn & Brett Aamot will present information on Planned Giving, with practical advice for preparing your estate for making charitable gifts, along with a review of the tax and financial benefits of making charitable contributions through IRA'S & Qualified Charitable Distributions.

### 9:05 Adult Forum Schedule

#### November -

- 3rd - Planned Giving - Friendship Room
- 10th - Veterans Reception - Friendship Room
- 17th - All Ages Sunday School - Bethany Hall
- 24th - Celebration Sunday/Stewardship - Bethany Hall

#### December -

- 1st - Word and Sacrament Ministry - Friendship Room
- 8th - Coffee with Council/Prayerground Discussion - Friendship Room



Thank you to Pastor Naomi and to Vicar David for your visits and Pastor Dean for his phone calls, while I was hospitalized.

*Donnie Kemnitz*

The Collection of Personal Needs items was a big success this year. The Salvation Army appreciated all that we delivered to them. Thank you for all of your generous donations.

*Social Concerns Committee*

## Celebrating Holy Communion Weekly

Your pastors, vicar and congregational (church) council after much discussion have decided to begin the transition to weekly communion. The first step in this transition will be to offer Holy Communion every week during Advent.



We your leaders want to handle this transition with sensitivity and grace. We will be holding Adult forums and other opportunities for you to learn about Holy Communion and more broadly about Word and Sacrament Ministry. We will be recruiting and training additional volunteers to support this important and sacred ministry.

Why make this change? A few of the many reasons to reclaim this original and ancient practice:

- Holy Communion has been the principal act of Christian worship since New Testament times. The Lutheran Reformation did not break with this ancient tradition of a millennium and a half, and the Augsburg Confession (the foundational document of the Lutheran Reformation) declares Holy Communion to be the chief act of worship for Lutherans on Sundays and festivals.
- A similar statement was reiterated by the ELCA in 1989 and by its predecessor church bodies in 1978.
- The Church celebrates Holy Communion frequently because the Church needs the sacrament, the means by which the Church's fellowship is established and its mission as the baptized people of God is nourished and sustained.
- Holy Communion strengthens us to witness and to work for justice: As a means of grace Holy Communion is that messianic banquet at which God bestows mercy and forgiveness, creates and strengthens faith for our daily work and ministry in the world, draws us to long for the day of God's manifest justice in all the world, and provides a sure and certain hope of the coming resurrection to eternal life.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Pastor Tim Malek or any of the pastoral staff or Worship Board members.

(Much of the information cited above can be found in "The Use of the Means of Grace; A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament" adopted for guidance and practice by the Fifth Biennial Church wide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, August 19, 1997)

## ***Remarks from the President . . . .***

Our church council and congregational leadership have been engaging in discussions and dialogue aimed at updating and fine tuning our purpose and vision at Calvary Lutheran. Plans to survey our membership and solicit member ideas and wishes are underway in order to update the visionary strategic plans that were completed in recent years, and to identify ways for our ministries to remain vibrant and effective.

We are appointing a group of volunteers to help assemble pertinent feedback and information from our members over the upcoming months, in order to make sure our core values and purposes are accurately reflected in our plans for the future.

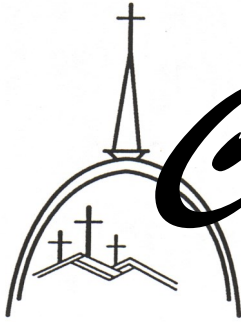
The resulting strategic plans will include much of the content that has previously been developed, and may also include recommendations for new programming and ministries, enhanced staffing models, building enhancements and additions, and implementation of new technology.

We look forward to your input and assistance as we work together to prepare for our exciting future at Calvary Lutheran Church.



**Brett Aamot**





# Calvary

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General Fund Treas. Report	2019 September Ending	2019 YTD Total	YTD Budgeted Amount	2018 September Ending	2018 YTD Total	2017 September Ending	2017 YTD Total
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$64,503.68	\$576,169.02	\$618,075.03	\$73,927.79	\$594,229.66	\$66,476.64	\$643,775.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$71,005.65	\$655,425.80	\$692,779.35	\$71,655.42	\$678,337.06	\$67,972.14	\$624,826.89
<b>Contribution Deficit/Surplus</b>	\$(6,501.97)	\$(79,256.78)		\$2,272.37	\$(84,107.40)	\$(1,495.50)	\$18,948.31
<b>Avg. Weekly Attendance for September</b>	375			386		427	

Calvary Lutheran Church  
 Parishioners Executive Financial Summary  
 September 2019

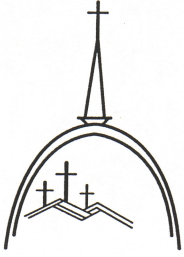
The following explanations supplement the church's monthly financial reports and are intended to provide a brief & simplified overview of financial activity.

Contributions for September 2019 – September 2019's General Fund and Special Offerings totaled \$64,504 which was 13% behind September of 2018.

Expenses for September 2019 – September 2019's expenses totaled \$71,006 which is within 1% of September 2018.

In Summary that leaves a Deficit for September of \$(6,502) and a nine-month ending deficit of \$(79,257). Our Contributions are close to 7% behind Calvary's projected budgeted contributions and our expenses are currently 6% ahead of our projected budget.





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your clocks  
back one hour on  
November 3rd**



# Thanksgiving

*Eve Service*

**Wednesday, November 27**

**6:30 PM - Worship with Holy Communion**

Join us for pie and coffee fellowship immediately following the service in Bethany Hall!