

# The Messenger

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## **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

**9:05 AM** – Coffee and  
Fellowship  
(Friendship Room)

**9:45 AM** – Foundation &  
Praise Worship

### **Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson** **ELCA Missionaries** **Coming to Calvary**

*Saturday Chapel, July 1*

*5:30 PM*

*Sunday, July 2*

*8:00 AM – Worship*

*9:00 AM – Coffee & Forum*

*9:45 AM – Worship*

Meet and hear two ELCA missionaries Calvary helps to sponsor in Tanzania – Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson and their children, Hannah, Caedmon, & Indya.

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7*

Dear Friends,

I am grateful to be back among all of you and our shared ministry at Calvary Lutheran Church. As you know, I have been gone on medical leave for treatment of breast cancer. It has felt like a homecoming to be back among you. I am so appreciative of all of your prayers and support over these last few months. There are too many people to name individually, but thank you to all of you who brought a meal, sent a card or offered to help out in any way. I feel privileged to be the recipient of such kindness.

I think one of the most important things we can do as Christians is to support and care for one another. This is what the "Body of Christ" is supposed to do. I am deeply thankful for your ministry of care and consolation for me and for all the many others who are recipients of this Christian love as well. Keep on being Christ's presence in the world!

In Gratitude,  
Pastor Naomi



*Pastor  
Naomi Mahler*

# Special Music

July 2 – Beth Franzen (8:00 & 9:45)

July 9 – Roger Bengtson (8:00 & 9:45)

July 15/16 – Shirley Ringness (all services)

July 22/23 – Phillis DeBlieck (all services)

July 30 – Preston and Mary Jo de Cathelineau  
(8:00 & 9:45)



*Better Together*

**Food Packaging Service Event**  
**Help Hungry Families**  
**In Our Area!**

When: Wednesday, July 12  
 9:00 AM to 8 PM

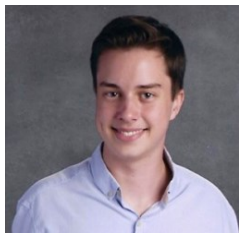
Where: Willmar Middle School

Sponsors: Bethel, Calvary, Vinje, SW MN Synod & the United Way. Through a generous matching gift we have raised \$35,000 and have a goal of packing 140,000 meals through Outreach Inc. that will go directly to families in Kandiyohi County. We need your help.

Signup for a two hour shift at the link below or at the church office.

Signup Genius link - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4baca62ea7f85-mobile>

Jakob Forde Piano Recital  
 Calvary Sanctuary  
 Sunday, July 16  
 3:00 PM



Come enjoy a piano recital by Jakob Forde, student of Dave and Gloria Lien on Sunday, July 16 at 3:00 pm. Jakob will perform works by Beethoven, Chopin, Joplin, as well as Gershwin's famous *Rhapsody in*

*Blue*. Jakob has been playing piano for over ten years, and he also plays organ and trombone. He is entering his senior year of high school at Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix, AZ. Next year he plans to pursue a degree in piano performance in college.



Calvary hosted Family Promise the week of May 28<sup>th</sup> through June 4 serving a family of five, a young mother with a 17 month old and an 8 week old baby and their grandmother. We are so grateful for the continued support of Boy Scout Troop 224 for their willingness to help with set up and take down, and the many individuals who volunteered to drive the van, host during the evening, share a meal or bring a food article or sleep over as an overnight host. The family of five that was with us left the program on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> and moved into their new home. We wish them the best as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Kandiyohi County Family Promise is encouraging individuals and businesses to become Friends of Family Promise (FOFP) to help financially support the program. There has been a matching fund of \$20,000.00 and there was a memorial gift given by A family for \$8,000.00. These gifts are such a blessing to the program and help towards the annual budget of \$115,000.00, so please consider becoming a FOFP to keep the wonderful program operating.

For more information you can contact Roger Bengtson at 320-905-1762 or e-mail [northwatch@charter.net](mailto:northwatch@charter.net) Calvary will be hosting the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>, please mark your calendar.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

### School Supplies Drive

Watch for Calvary's school bus to appear mid-July across from the Welcome Center! Help us stuff our bus so we can help United Way's Stuff the Bus campaign this year. Our bus will be out for about a month. Let's fill the bus ... overflowing this year! The need for school supplies continues every year. The lists for school supplies will be posted in local stores sometime in July. They are a handy guide for what to buy.

### Personal Needs Drive

Calvary's Personal Needs Drive is scheduled for this fall. We will be collecting personal care needs for donation to the Salvation Army for distribution to those that are in need. Please watch for our collection tub in September and donate new regular size items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, combs, haircare products, shampoo and other items for personal care. Salvation Army has been so appreciative of our donations. Please watch for a list of items in the Messenger in September as well as in the bulletin. Please help us meet our goal of 500 pounds of personal care needs.

*Social Concerns Committee*

## 50's Drive-in Thank You!

We are so thankful to everyone who supported the 50's Drive In on Sunday, June 25! We had excellent help, listened to great music, saw cool cars, and were grateful for the opportunity to bring our community together!



## ELCA Youth Gathering

### Info Meeting

Come learn about the youth gathering Calvary will be attending next summer, June 27-July 1, 2018! This gathering will be for youth who will have Completed 8 -12<sup>th</sup> grade by next summer!

### **Meeting Date & Location:**

Wednesday, July 12, 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room

## Summer Youth Mission Trip

July 23-28 youth and adults from Calvary will be in South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation helping serve and grow in faith and community. Please keep our group and the community we will be serving in your prayers!

Participants: Rae Holwerda, Grace Lynum, Sofia Lynum, Brooke Rowan, Isaiah Bennett, Jaidon Bredesen, Jenna Blackwell, Kaitlin Delfosse, Merron Johnson, Nate Larsen, Peyton Rodelius, Rebecca Laurence, Savana Eckhoff, Derek Leuze, Audrey Swart, Abby Teisinger, Isaac Nichols, Jen Harasyn, Lexy Tersch, Alyssa Blackwell, Dylan Buddy, Taylor Nichols, Victoria Larsen, Cody Strom, Pr. Naomi Mahler, Ashley Gilbertson, Shirley Ringness, Andrew Halbritter, Kerri Blackwell and Janel Skindelien.

## Boundary Waters Reunion



Monday, July 31, 6:30 PM at Ashley Gilbertson's home. Youth and leaders who went to the Boundary Waters in the summer of 2016 are invited to get together for grilling, campfires, and canoeing!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2017

**A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND HELPED WITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! WE HAD A BLAST!!**

This year Calvary teamed up with Green Lake Bible Camp for day camp with the theme ***Faith on Fire!*** Kids learned about how our faith life is like building a fire. Everybody had fun learning Bible stories, making a craft, eating a snack, playing games and singing.

**We thank the kids for attending and want to thank the parents/grandparents for bringing them every day. We had an exciting week filled with lots of fun!**

## **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES . . . JOIN YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

### **Camp House Summer Family Get-Away! Brimson, MN**

Join other friends and families from Calvary on August 2-6 for a relaxing north woods get-away at Camp House in Brimson, MN! Camp House is one of GLLM's Bible camps located 30 Minutes from Two Harbors, MN. It is remote and removed from the hustle and bustle of "regular" life on a small quiet lake.

There will be opportunity to enjoy on-site activities such as swimming, fishing, boating, nature walks, playground and board games. Potential off-site activities include exploring Two Harbors, a visit to Gooseberry Falls, North Shore activities, Duluth or Ely attractions.

Sleep in comfy, but rustic cabins-toilets and showers are in a bath house on site, not in cabins, or bring your camper/tent.

**Cost For All 4 Days** (Come for all or part of the time! Can be prorated based on your schedule.)

\$205 per cabin, sleeps 4-12; \$100 per family for camper/tent  
Meals are \$70 per adult and \$35 per child.

Scholarship available

**Questions?** Talk to Pastor Naomi (320-894-2863 cell)  
pastornaomi@calvarywillmar.org

**Look for registration forms in the office!**



## Faith Formation 2017-2018

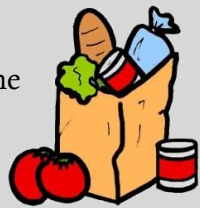
Registration for fall faith formation will start the beginning of August. Classes will be offered for ALL children 3 years old (by September 1, 2017) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade both on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Watch for more information about the upcoming faith formation opportunities coming this fall!



On Friday, July 21, the Calvary Crusaders will once again participate in and raise money for the Relay for Life. This event represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never

be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. One of the awe-inspiring events of the Relay is the nighttime lighting of the candles in the luminary bags surrounding the track, knowing each bag represents a loved one who has fought cancer. The funds raised that evening will assist the American Cancer Society in fighting cancer. You too can help the Calvary Crusaders: join the team, purchase luminaries in honor or memory of a friend or family member who has fought cancer, or simply make a donation to the team. Luminaries will be sold before and after church services in July preceding the event. Also, join us for dinner at the Pizza Ranch. Team members will be working at the Pizza Ranch from 5-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12. We earn a portion of the evening's sales and all of the tips. If you would like to help the Calvary Crusaders and support the Relay for Life, contact Shane Baker at (320) 295-3346 or shanedbakeresq@gmail.com.

If you would like to give a donation to the Willmar Area Food Shelf please pick up an envelope on the Food Shelf grocery cart by the Welcome Center. Checks are to be payable to Willmar Area Food Shelf (WAFS) or cash is also accepted.



**Moving? Change of Address?**

Are you moving or have recently had a change of address or phone number? Please notify our office at 320.235.2508 or at [www.calvarywillmar.org](http://www.calvarywillmar.org) or just stop by the Welcome Center, we would love to help you update your church record. Thank you!

**Our Parish Leadership**

**President:** Dion Warne  
**Vice President:** Bill Fenske  
**Secretary:** Amanda Newberg

**Our Parish Staff**

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Enola Dowdell, Kitchen Coordinator	

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

We want to say a big "Thank you" to Calvary Church for letting us celebrate Bobbi's graduation party in the Friendship Room June 2nd. Thanks to Pastor Tim, Dean & Naomi, Calvary members, family and friends for making it a fun and special occasion.

*Sincerely, The Karg Family*

Thank you to my Calvary family for all the love and support throughout the years! A special thank you to the quilters for the beautiful quilt and to CWELCA for the cookbook. Please keep me in your prayers as I go off to Concordia College this Fall.

*Jessica Skindeliien*

Thank you for all the prayers and well wishes during my stay at Rice Hospital, Methodist and St. Mary's Hospitals in Rochester. Also, thank you to Pastor Tim, Pastor Dean and Pastor Naomi for their prayers and visits. We are so blessed to be part of such an amazing church family.

*Sheldon Loven*





**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
ONE MONTH AND FIVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2017**

	Month Ended 5/31/17	Year-to-Date Ended 5/31/17
<b>GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 91,505.69</b>	<b>\$ 21,270.07</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>3999 · INCOME/CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
<b>4000 · GENERAL UNDESIGNATED</b>	59,461.00	314,028.92
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>	-	638.50
<b>4020 · CAPITAL FUND INCOME</b>	3,901.00	21,621.00
<b>4030 · CHRISTMAS/EASTER</b>	-	6,352.00
<b>4310 · BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP</b>	150.00	300.00
<b>RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR</b>	640.00	1,465.00
<b>SUNDAY COFFEE</b>	114.65	462.45
<b>Total 3999 · INCOME/CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>64,266.65</b>	<b>344,867.87</b>
<b>4200 · SPECIAL OFFERINGS</b>		
<b>MISC MEMORIALS</b>	(2,710.00)	-
<b>DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>	(560.00)	50.00
<b>LENTEN OFFERINGS</b>	-	11,350.68
<b>COMMUNITY MEAL</b>	-	60.25
<b>COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH</b>	145.15	159.15
<b>MISSION OFFERING</b>	45.00	45.00
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</b>	884.50	5,872.25
<b>THRIVENT CHOICE</b>	-	1,842.00
<b>Total 4200 · SPECIAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>(2,195.35)</b>	<b>19,379.33</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>62,071.30</b>	<b>364,247.20</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>5005 · BENEVOLENCE</b>	5,966.08	32,100.99
<b>5200 · PROGRAM MUSIC &amp; WORSHIP</b>	8,007.35	40,172.17
<b>5500 · EVANGELISM OUTREACH</b>	693.65	1,989.27
<b>5600 · EDUCATION</b>	6,660.89	26,096.34
<b>5800 · YOUTH</b>	5,485.47	25,965.52
<b>6045 · LIBRARY1</b>	193.67	504.63
<b>6500 · MAINTENANCE PROPERTY</b>	9,937.66	50,464.01
<b>6700 · ADMIN EXPENSE &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	27,400.29	146,720.37
<b>6900 · SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>	18,419.88	19,329.33
<b>99999 · UNCATEGORIZED</b>	118.46	63.39
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>82,883.40</b>	<b>343,406.02</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(20,812.10)</b>	<b>20,841.18</b>
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Undeposited Funds</b>	<b>7,265.50</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>784.30</b>	<b>1,168.68</b>
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable</b>	<b>10,220.29</b>	<b>32,700.25</b>
<b>Excess Cash in Special Funds at 12/31/16 transferred to General</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,983.50</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>(2,542.01)</b>	<b>67,693.61</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 88,963.68</b>	<b>\$ 88,963.68</b>
<b>DUE FROM CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>(62.91)</b>	<b>(62.91)</b>
<b>DUE FROM SPECIAL FUND</b>	<b>6,722.95</b>	<b>6,722.95</b>
<b>REGISTER BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 82,303.64</b>	<b>\$ 82,303.64</b>

Substantially all disclosures ordinarily included in modified cash basis financial statements are omitted, and no assurance is provided on these financial statements.





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