

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

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

9:45 am – Foundation &
Praise Worship

Special
MUSIC

Sunday, August 6: 8:00 & 9:45
Kate Barrett-Murphy

Sunday, August 13: 8:00 & 9:45
Jessica Skindelien

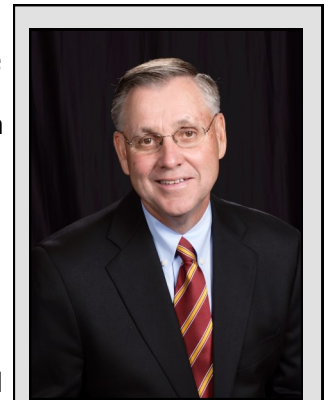
Sunday, August 27: 8:00 & 9:45
Kenzie Bennett

Preparing for Fall!!!

It is often stated that once the 4th of July has come and gone, fall is right around the corner. To some extent this is true. August is a great time to plan for the upcoming fall programs and activities. For young people, the thought of classes and subject matter, extra curricular activities, leaving home for college or a new job are part of the routine. For farmers, it is the expectation of the crops growing with an eye towards harvesting of the corn, beets, soybeans and other commodities. For many, fall is the time of hunting and planning for the winter months.

So, for God's people, how are we to approach fall and our planning for the season? First, we know already that God has made plans for us. "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope". Jeremiah 29:11. Despite our thinking sometimes, God is on our side and certainly so in the activities and person of Christ. We make well thought plans and have expectations which are all good things, but sometimes these matters do not work out the way in which we planned. God's plan is placed in concrete and certainty that He in fact created us, loves us and desires that we have eternity with Him. Secondly, in our plans, He wants us to live a life of prosperity in thought, word and deed. We are to be responsible for our actions, make good decisions about our self care and the environment in which we live, and treat others with respect. This is God's plan, not our own thinking and doing.

So as we prepare for August and the fall season, let us make good and productive plans knowing that some will change. Our plans are well intentioned, but sometimes do contain human flaws. On the other hand, God has made and executed solid plans for each of us. It is His desire and want that All people understand the power and essence of salvation, which means earthly and heavenly fellowship with Christ. Therefore, make good and thoughtful plans about one's life on earth and for Eternity. Our prayer is that our plans will be thoughtful and inspired by the power and influence of God!!!



Pastor Dean E. Johnson



Confirmation Orientation

NEW this year! Confirmation Orientation will be held on the first day of class on September 6th from 6:00-8:00 PM for youth, parents and small group leaders.



Confirmation Begins

Wednesday, September 6th
6:00 pm

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, October 8th
11:30 am Worship



New! Wednesday After-School Program

Confirmation age youth are welcome from 3:00-6:00 pm on Wednesday during the school year. We will have an after school snack, hangout/fellowship time, a quiet space to work on homework, the pool room open, and the movie room will rotate between movies/wii.



Registration forms for this program will be available soon!



Registration for 2017-2018 Faith Formation

All children ages 3 years (by Sept. 1st) through Gr. 6 are invited to attend Sunday and/or Wednesday school. Registration forms will be available soon at the Welcome center and online at Calvary's website (calvarywillmar.org). Please register your children by **August 27th**!

- ◆ The first day of Sunday school is **September 10th**!
- ◆ The first day of Wednesday School is **September 13th**!

SEEKING...



We are currently seeking teachers for our Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning programming. Prayerfully consider being a teacher for one of the following programs this fall

Wednesday afternoons (5:15-6:15 pm), we need teachers for children ages 3 years – 6th grade.

Sunday mornings (9:05-10:05 am), we need teachers for children ages 3 years – 6th grade.

If you have gifts or enjoy working with children and want to teach, help with music or just help out, please call Janel @235-2508 or email her at janel@calvarywillmar.org. See you this fall!

Wednesday After-School Program

We are starting an After-School Program this Fall for Confirmation age youth. We are excited to have so many youth in the church on Wednesdays that make this program possible!

Here's how you can help!

1. Donate some healthy snacks
2. Hang out with the youth after school (we need 2 adults each Wednesday)
3. If you have a gently used Wii console that you don't use or need, we are looking for one!
4. Pray for these youth, volunteers and the ministry of this place!

Calvary members packing meals for local food pantries



Calvary helped sponsor "Better Together" A Food Packing Event at the Willmar Middle School on Wednesday, July 12th.



"STUFF THE BUS" SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Although it seems as if summer just started, fall is quickly approaching. School is also just around the corner. Please bring school supplies such as paper, pencils, backpacks, binders, folders and other supplies to place in our bus through August 18th. The supplies that are collected during this event are used by United Way to help children start the school year out with the right supplies. The list of supplies requested is located in the church office. Many stores also have posted lists of needed school supplies. Watch for Calvary's Bus across from the office. Let's fill the bus to help United Way "Stuff the Bus" for this school year. Thank you for helping kids!

Social Concerns Committee

"STUFF THE BUS" Supplies

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Backpacks (please no wheels) | Rulers |
| Calculators (basic or scientific) | Small storage bags |
| Pencil boxes | Boxes of tissues |
| Paper (loose leaf) | Hand sanitizer |
| 3 ring binders | Disinfectant wipes |
| Folders | Paper towels |
| Pens | Bandages |
| Highlighters | Socks |
| Pencils | Underwear |
| Glue (liquid or sticks) | Deodorant |
| Crayons | Toothbrushes |
| Markers | Toothpaste |
| Scissors | Check the lists in the stores for specific schools |



Calvary's own Cub Scout Pack 224 is looking for youth ages K thru 5th grade. Do you like: Camping? Crafts? Games? Food? Then Cub Scouts is for you! Pack 224 meets most Monday nights through the school year.

Our trained leaders utilize their skills for great grade specific and group meetings. We also promote spring and fall camps as well as summer camp. It is a great way to spend quality time with your youth! Joining is easy! Contact our new Cubmaster Gene Lubbers @ gene.lubbers@gmail.com or 320-444-1308.

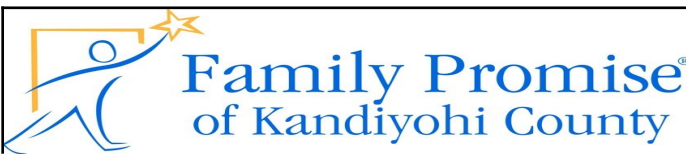
Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 11th at 6:30 pm in the Calvary education wing. Feel free to stop in and see what Scouting is about!



Wait staff serving at the 50's Drive In this summer!

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our surprise 40th Wedding Anniversary on June 17. We appreciate the cards and well wishes from everyone.

Randy and Clarice Novak



We held a planning meeting on June 28th and looked at Calvary Family Promise, now that we have had an opportunity to host a few times. We wanted to evaluate areas that were positive and also areas that could be improved. We are grateful for comments and observations shared by those who attended that evening. The continued involvement of those who have been so faithful to serve and make our host weeks successful is so appreciated and new volunteers will always be needed. As we begin planning for our next host week, September 10th, we will continue to build on ways to contact volunteers to host and provide food for the week.

Some important upcoming dates to mark on your calendar:

Week of September 10th-Next Calvary Host Week

October 14th-Kandiyohi County Family Promise Donor Dinner

Calvary Family Promise Committee

Our Parish Leadership

President: Dion Warne

Vice President: Bill Fenske

Secretary: Amanda Newberg

Our Parish Staff

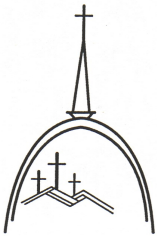
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Check out Calvary's web site at www.calvarywillmar.org

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
General Fund Treasurer's Report
Modified Cash Basis
One Month and Six Months Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>One Month Ended</u>	<u>Six Months Ended</u>
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 51,601.35	\$ 17,776.67
CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	60,575.88	374,604.80
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	170.00	808.50
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	4,169.00	25,790.00
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	-	6,352.00
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS	990.00	990.00
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS	202.33	202.33
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	50.00	350.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	-	1,465.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	88.00	550.45
2016 TRANSFERS NOT MADE	-	12,983.50
	<u>66,245.21</u>	<u>424,096.58</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
LENTEN OFFERINGS	-	11,350.68
COMMUNITY MEAL	-	60.25
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	-	159.15
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	406.00	6,328.25
THRIVENT CHOICE	-	1,842.00
MISSION OFFERING	-	45.00
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	50.00	50.00
	<u>456.00</u>	<u>19,835.33</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	66,701.21	443,931.91
EXPENSES		
FIRST FRUITS	6,030.85	38,131.84
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	7,548.00	47,720.17
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	202.40	2,191.67
EDUCATION	7,766.95	33,863.29
YOUTH	7,659.72	33,625.24
LIBRARY	-	504.63
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	10,346.87	60,810.88
ADMINISTRATION	35,372.65	182,156.41
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	506.00	19,835.33
TOTAL EXPENSES	75,433.44	418,839.46
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	(8,732.23)	25,092.45
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 42,869.12</u>	<u>\$ 42,869.12</u>



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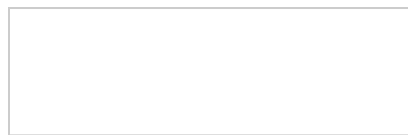
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Rally Day – September 10

SAVE THE DATE! We start our fall programming for ALL ages with Rally Day on **Sunday, September 10th**!

Don't miss the "Dad's Belgian Waffle" breakfast in Bethany Hall from 8:30 am to 11:30 am to celebrate the new faith formation year for all ages!

Watch for more information about Rally Day activities and the upcoming education year in the bulletin and September Messenger.

