

CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH

The Messenger

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September 2017

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
*EMPOWERED TO BE
AND MAKE DISCIPLES*

Labor Day Worship

Saturday Sept. 2:

5:30 p.m. –Chapel Worship/
with Holy Communion

Sunday Sept. 3:

8:00 a.m. –First Word
Worship/ with Holy
Communion

9:00 a.m. –Coffee/ Fellowship
(Friendship Room)

9:45 a.m. – Foundation &
Praise Worship/ with Holy
Communion



Saturday Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30:

5:30 p.m. – Chapel Worship

Sunday Sept. 10, 17, 24:

8:00 a.m. – Worship

9:05 a.m. – Education for All

10:15 a.m. – Worship

What Does This Mean?

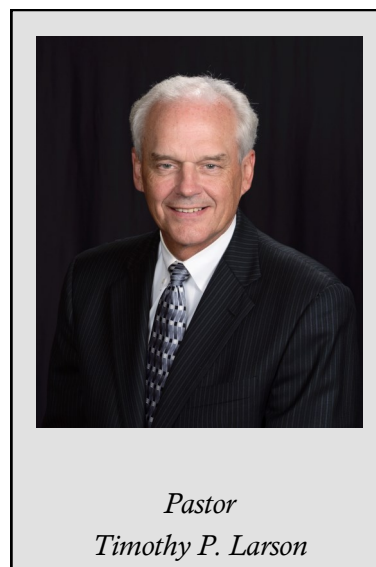
~ Luther's often repeated question in the Catechism

As we Lutherans mark and observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year, let me introduce you to a Sunday morning adult study that will begin at Calvary, Rally Sunday, September 10. It is called *By Heart – Conversations with Luther's Small Catechism*.

By Heart is a 7-session course that will engage us with the Small Catechism. As the simple English alphabet is the foundation to our English language, so Luther's *Small Catechism* serves as the cornerstone to our Christian faith. How we are to live as people of faith, who God is and what God has done, how we are to communicate with God, and how God reaches down and touches us (Word & Sacrament) are all taught in understandable and simple (not simplistic) form in Luther's Small Catechism. For hundreds of years we continue to use this tool as we teach the basics of the Christian faith to our young people and youth (Confirmation).

Like Luther's Small Catechism this learning opportunity aims to create and nurture faith. *By Heart* is for adults who have never encountered the Small Catechism, and it is for adults who studied and memorized it as teens back in confirmation class. It is for those new to the faith; it is for those old to the faith.

Who of us has ever 'arrived' when it comes to the basic understandings of our Christian faith? I hope you will consider joining us for this timely study. Furthermore, perhaps you know of someone you might consider inviting.



*Pastor
Timothy P. Larson*

~ Pastor Timothy P. Larson

Men's Bible Study- begins September 5, at 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. in Bethany Hall.



September Special Music

- Sept. 2- 5:30 p.m. – Julia Severtson
 Sept. 10- 8:00 a.m. – Calvary Choir
 10:15 a.m. – Jon Zaske
 Sept. 17- 8:00 a.m. – Calvary Choir
 10:15 a.m. – Mandy Severtson
 Sept. 23- 5:30 p.m. – Calvary Choir
 Sept. 24- 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. – Beth Franzen

Choir Rehearsal

Rehearsals for Calvary Choir are **Wednesday's** at 6:45 p.m., beginning **September 6**.

Rehearsals for Calvary Bells are **Wednesday's** at 5:45 p.m., beginning **September 27**.

Cherub Choir Begins September 27

Cherub Choir is open to all children ages 4 through grade 2. We will have our first practice at 6:15 p.m. on September 27. Parents are invited to the first practice so that we can visit about when the Cherubs should practice since Wednesday night School has expanded its time. Please come with ideas. Some options would be to meet before Wednesday School (4:45), After Wednesday School (6:15), or perhaps even a different day/evening at a completely new time. Please come and join the conversation. I am open to whatever works for most of the families.

Cherubs usually sing once a month at the Foundation and Praise Worship service. We have lots of fun and I am hopeful that we can keep singing for another year. You will be receiving a post card with additional information.

- Jean Berg, Director

**Meet Calvary's New
Communication Specialist**

Calvary welcomes Rachel (Grothe) Gilbertson as our new Communication & Information Technology Specialist. She is a graduate of New London/Spicer High School, attended Ridgewater College and St. Cloud State University. Rachel's parents (Loren & Jackie Grothe) were members of Calvary until they moved to Spicer some years ago. Rachel enjoys water sports, animals, and spending time with her family. She is married to Geoffrey Gilbertson (son of Calvary members Ron & Candy). Geoffrey and Rachel have a 8 month old son, Shep, who was baptized earlier this spring at Calvary. Rachel is eager to share her gifts working at Calvary enabling us to grow deeper in all our congregational communication using the technology of today.

Welcome Rachel to our staff!

Each Sunday of the month Calvary's worship service is broadcast over KWLM radio station (AM 1340).

If you wish to reserve a date for a sponsorship, please contact the church office. Cost of sponsoring the broadcast is \$75.

Bulletin sponsorships are also available by contacting the church office. The cost is \$50.



September brings the **Personal Needs Drive** which helps provide personal needs items for donation to the Salvation Army. Items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper products, shampoo, soap, diapers, lotions, socks (new), underwear (new), and other items needed for personal care. Please donate new regular size items during the month of September. Look for the donation site across from the Welcome Center.

-Social Concerns Committee



SERVICE SQUAD

- For grades 6 and up
- Will start on the last Thursday of the month in September from 3:15-5:15 p.m.
- Go out into the community to help our neighbors

Congregation members; if you or someone you know needs some extra helping hands, please give Ashley a call. We would love to discuss ways our youth could help you on one of our service days!

Ashley: 320-235-2508 or
ashley@calvarywillmar.org



Family Promise[®]

Company's Coming!

Calvary will host the Homeless families of Family Promise, September 10-17.

We are so fortunate that this ministry is continuing to be a blessing to so many of God's needy children. Calvary members, please look for a way that you can help out. Please look for the traditional volunteer sign up table. Also, there is a NEW volunteer connection that can make everything even easier! There is a website, www.signupgenious.com to lead you to our online sign up. You would need to search on *Sign-up Genius* under the email of Roger Bengtson northwatch@charter.net, or look for a LINK on the Calvary webpage. Many of you have already received an email invitation as past supporters of Calvary's Family Promise ministry. Together, this is such a valuable and yet somewhat easy way to share Christ's Love!

Confirmation Announcements:

- Sept. 6-** Confirmation Kick-off Event! Parents, Youth & Small Group Leaders from 6-8 p.m.
Please turn in \$40 per youth to help subsidize the cost of meals. Reminder to all 10th grade Confirmation students, your confirmation gown order and information sheet are due to the Church office no later than **September 6**.
- Oct. 4-** Confirmation banquet for 10th graders, their small group leaders and parents.
 - 9th grade serves the banquet.
 - 7th & 8th grade meets with small groups.
- Oct. 8-** Confirmation Sunday, 11:30 a.m. Worship Service.

5th Quarter :

When: September 15 & October 6 from 9-11 p.m.
Where: Vinje Lutheran Church
 (1101 Willmar Ave, just a couple blocks from the football field)
Who: Grades 6-8
What: Games, Snacks & Activities
Cost: \$3 to cover cost of pizza, beverages and snacks
 A couple of adult chaperones are needed each week
 Contact Ashley if you have questions or are interested in chaperoning!
 (235-2508)



High School Breakfast Club

High School Youth starts up again on Wednesday mornings starting September 27, from 7:30 -8:30 a.m. @ the Goodness (downtown Willmar). FREE rolls. Beverages on your own. Come to be a part of community, pray together & start your day off right!



Attention all High School Youth

Are you interested in having fun and learning about God? If so, come to youth group from 7-9 p.m. in the Sr. High room on Sunday evenings starting October 1!



ELCA Youth Gathering Info Meeting

For those of you who missed our July 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 8-12th grade by next summer!

Meeting Date & Location:

Sunday, September 17, 11:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room



Jr. High Youth Gathering

Nov. 17-18th at the Willmar Conference Center

For: Grades 6-9

Cost: \$55/person

Theme: "Rooted in Faith"

Band & Speaker: Bridge 33 & Jonathan Swenson

Register: NO LATER THAN **Sept. 27, 2017**

Registration Forms are available on Calvary's website and by Ashley's office door.



SEPTEMBER 2017 CALENDAR:

SEPTEMBER 10 -

Rally Sunday! & First day of Sunday School!

9:05 a.m.– Families (parents and children) meet in the sanctuary.

10:15 a.m.– Back to school blessing during worship.

SEPTEMBER 17 -

9:05-10:05 a.m. – Faith Steps class with 3rd graders and their parents.

Meet in the Koinonia room (2nd floor, ed. wing).

10:15 a.m. – ALL 3rd graders receive the *Good News Bible* at the 10:15 a.m. Foundation & Praise Worship service.

SEPTEMBER 20 - First day of Wednesday school! 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Children ages 3 yr. – kindergarten will meet in room 210. Children in grades 1-6 will meet in the Koinonia room.

SEPTEMBER 24 - 9:05-10:05 a.m.– Faith Steps class with 3 year olds and their parents. Meet in the Koinonia room (2nd floor, ed. wing).

10:15 a.m. – ALL 3 year olds receive *The Beginner’s Bible* during the Foundation & Praise Worship service.



IT’S NOT TOO LATE!

The 2017-2018 Sunday/Wednesday School 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?

Want to make a lasting impact on a child’s life?

Consider being a teacher for Sunday or Wednesday school this year! We continue to search for teachers for the following programming areas:

Sunday mornings (9:05-10:05 a.m.)

- teachers for our 3 year olds who would like to team teach.
- teacher for a 4 year old class

Wednesday afternoons (5:15-6:15 p.m.)

- teachers for 3rd – 4th graders
- teachers for 5th – 6th graders

If you 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!



After-School Program

NEW! WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Confirmation age youth are welcome from 3-6 p.m. 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 are available on Calvary’s website and in the Church Office.

Wondering how you could help with the After School Program?

- Donate some healthy snacks
- Hang out with the youth after school (we need 2 adults each Wednesday!)
- Pray for these youth, volunteers and the ministry of this place!
- Contact Ashley for ways to sign up!
320-235-2508 or ashley@calvarywillmar.org



Calvary's own Cub Scout Pack 224 is looking for youth ages K-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 p.m. in the Calvary education wing.

Feel free to stop in and see what Scouting is about!

Seeking...

Someone willing to clean the nursery toys biweekly (every two weeks) for the months of September and October! Interested? Contact Janel.

STUFF THE BUS



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!



Grief Care Group will meet Monday's from: September 11 - December 11, 5:15- 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

For more information, please contact Pastor Dean..

Our Parish Leadership:

President: Dion Warne

Vice President: Bill Fenske

Secretary: Amanda Newberg

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

Would you like to receive Calvary notifications by email? Please stop by the Welcome Center and sign-up or email us your information!

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
General Fund Treasurer's Report
Modified Cash Basis
One Month and Seven Months Ended July 31, 2017

	<u>One Month Ended</u>	<u>Seven Months Ended</u>
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 42,869.12	\$ 17,776.67
CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	70,512.25	445,117.05
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	-	808.50
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	3,987.50	29,777.50
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	-	6,352.00
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS	-	990.00
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS	-	202.33
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	-	350.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	300.00	1,765.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	114.50	664.95
2016 TRANSFERS NOT MADE	-	12,983.50
	<u>74,914.25</u>	<u>499,010.83</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
LENTEN OFFERINGS	-	11,350.68
COMMUNITY MEAL	-	60.25
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	-	159.15
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	165.00	6,493.25
THRIVENT CHOICE	-	1,842.00
MISSION OFFERING	25.00	70.00
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	-	50.00
	<u>190.00</u>	<u>20,025.33</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	75,104.25	519,036.16
EXPENSES		
FIRST FRUITS	7,051.25	45,183.09
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	8,565.05	56,285.22
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	308.80	2,500.47
EDUCATION	4,460.32	38,323.61
YOUTH	4,480.40	38,105.64
LIBRARY	-	504.63
STEWARDSHIP	325.00	325.00
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	10,320.52	71,131.40
ADMINISTRATION	34,735.37	216,891.78
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	190.00	20,025.33
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>70,436.71</u>	<u>489,276.17</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	4,667.54	29,759.99
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 47,536.66</u>	<u>\$ 47,536.66</u>



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**RALLY DAY is Sunday, September 10! Come celebrate the beginning
of a new year of faith formation!**

9:05 a.m. - Families are invited to **meet in the sanctuary** for a large group opening which will be followed by a **meet and greet open house** in Sunday school classrooms to meet your child(rens) teachers. Then, families are invited to attend a **Dad's Belgian Waffle breakfast** in Bethany Hall (located in the basement)! The breakfast is served until 11:30 a.m. Free will donations are welcome to offset the cost of the breakfast.

10:15 a.m. - ALL children, Sunday/Wednesday teachers, helpers, small group leaders, etc. will receive a Back-to-School Blessing at the Foundation & Praise Worship service.

Hope to see you on Rally Day!

